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DOMINION FINANCES.

The statement of the revenue and expenditure of the Dominion for the six months ending Dec. 31, which has been prepared by the finance department, shows an increase in revenue as compared with the similar period of 1898 of

over ordinary expenditure of \$8,825,-

In the ordinary expenditure there was an increase of over \$800,000 as compared with the last six months in 1898, but in the capital expenditure there was a decrease of nearly half a

million dollars. The comparative details for the six months of 1898 and 1899 ending Dec.

31, are as follows	1898.	1899.
Customs	12,357,354	\$14,145,113
Excise	4,910,537 1,629,985	5, 663, 020 1, 465, 000
Putlic works, in- cl'ding railw'ys Miscellaneous	2,368,983 846,519	2,675,975 1,137,444

Total \$22,113,378 \$24,486,552
Increase \$ 2,373,174
Ordinary expend iture.....\$14,811,937 \$15,659,521 Increase.....\$ 847,584

The expenditure for the six months on capital account was \$4,809,477, as compared with \$5,214,829 for the same

time in 1898. ceipts advancing the way they are the expenditure could not be kept down a little so as to give the country a chance while times are good to reduce its debt, 'As it is, all the promises of retrenchment seem forgotten, and money is being spent now far more freely than in what were called the most extravagant days of the late Conservative regime.

A VIGOROUS POLICY DEMANDED.

While the Conservative Opposition in the Ontario Legislature have opposed and voted against much of the class legislation which the Hardy-Ross government inflicted on this burden bearing province, they have not been vigorous enough in their opposition to rally to their supprot the independent section of the electorate. This section is sick of seeing the revenues and the resources of this great province exploited for the benefit of the ministers, their felatives and friends, The Toronto Telegram sizes the situation up in this shape:

"If Hon. G. W. Ross cuts loose from the influence of Attorney-General Gibson, and recognize the principle that municipalities have some rights, he will take advantage of the opportunity presented to him by Mr ney's weakness last session. Thanks to the mistakes of the Opposition, the the Ontario Government has still an open-line of retreat from the iniquities of last session."

Now, we don't believe for a moment that Premier Ross will desert tae side of the private corporations. His government has been too strongly identified with them in the past for him to make war on them now The question, therefore, is, what is Mr. Whitney going to do? The next session ought to show. If he is prepared to lead the party in an aggressive campaign against the private corpor- ever efface. ations and promise the removal of class enactments from the stafute book wherever possible, he will rally to his side voters enough to put the Ross Government out of business at the earliest opportunity. But to do that the war must be no half-hearted

WOMAN'S PLUCK WINS

A Lady Who Cured Her Husband of the Liquor Habit Writes a Pathetic Letter.



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She writes: 'I had for a long time been thinking of trying the Samaria Prescription treatment on my husband for his drinking habits, but I was afraid he would discover that I was giving him medicine, and the thought unnerved me. I hesitated for nearly a week, but one day when he came home very nearly all spent, I threw off all fear and determined to make an effort to save our home from the ruin I saw coming, at all hazards. I sent for your Samaria Prescription and put it in his coffee as directed next morning, and watched and prayed for the result. At noon I gave him. more and also at supper. He never suspec. ed a thing, and I then boldly kept right on giving it regularly, as I had discovered something that set every nerve in my body tingling with bope and happiness, and I could see a bright future spread out before me—a peaceful, happy home, a share in the good things of life, an attentive, loving husband, comforts, and everything else dear to a woman's heaft, for my husbandhad told me that whiskey was vile stuff and he was taking a dislike to it. It was only too true, for before I had given him the full course he had stopped drinking altogether, but I kept giving the medicine till it was gone, and then sent for another to teli you how thankful I am. I honestly believe it will cure the worst cases. He never has, and I am Pam writing you this letter to teli you how thankful I am. I honestly believe it will cure the worst cases. He never has, and I am Pam writing you this letter to teli you how thankful I am. I honestly believe it will cure the worst cases. He never has, and I am Pam writing you this letter to teli you how thankful I am. I honestly believe it will cure the worst cases. A pamphlet in plain, sealed envelope sent free, giving testimonials and full information, with directions how to take or administer Samaria Prescription. Correspondence considered sacredly confidential. Address-The Samaria Remedy Co., 23 Jordan-street. Toronto, Ont.

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It is hard to have to submit to ewspapers in a place like St. Thomas making fun of this city by calling its streets quagmires.

Now that Greenway is out and Hugh John is in, the London Advertiser might-just as 'a matter of news, you know,-give its readers the actual returns from Manitoba. As far as we know, anyone who is depending on the Advertiser for information must be under the impression that Greenway is holding the fort still.

The city engineer at London reports to the council that "Some of the cedar block pavements, the life of which has expired, and others upon which rates for construction are still being levied, are in a rotten and worse than useless condition, and I think you should consider by what means this evil can be best remedied, and these thoroughfares made safe for traffic as the public interests require." This is the same block pavement some Chathamites favor so much because it is cheap.

BRITAIN'S MUNITION OF ROCKS.

The Boer's the man behind the rocks, Which makes it hard to find him-But the Briton wins, for he's the man Who has the rocks behind.

DAN M'GILLICUFDDY'S CYNICISM.

Goderich Signal, The loudest shouters about the war are the chaps who never wore a uniform in their lives or did a turn of "sentry-go," when the country was in danger. They are the chaps who are always invincible in peace and invisi-

NOT GUILTY.

Chicago News. Mother-Willie, didn't I say I'd whip

you if you put another rubber button on the stove? Willie-Yes'm; but 'taint me this time, ma. It's pa smokin' one of them cigars you bought him for

NEW YEARS GIFT FOR PROHIBS

Hawkesbury, Ont., Standard. After a keen contest the citizens of Maxville decided on New Year's day to continue the prohibitory law which has been in force there for the past nine years. This is the third occasion on which the advocates of license have attempted to repeal the local option law, and on each occasion they have met with a signal defeat.

A DANGEROUS LIAR.

Dawson Weekly News. The man Mortimer wno reported the drowning of five men and a woman, turns out to be a common everyday mischievous liar. Major Perry, of the N. W. M. P., who ordered a searching investigation of the matter, received a report from Stewart yesterday which shows that there was not even a foundation on which to build such a falsehood, and further, that Mortimer is an unmitigated liar. Five years on the wood pile would be a very light punishment for a man who the old-time preponderance of silver will deliberately spread such a cruel report, and create tears, sorrow and anguish that no subsequent words can

A DISCOVERY OF CANADA

New York Stockholder.

We have made greater strides than Canada, but Canada is now moving along the same lines to populousness and prosperity, and showing remarkable progress. Canada is highly favored by its union with Great Britain. She has all the powerful protection of the crown, and it does not cost her a penny. Canada regulates her trade with Great Britain, just as independently as she does with any other nation, and provides her own legislature. She has really protection and independence co-existing. Our facilities for putting Canada's products in all markets by our steamship lines are excellent, and Canada avails of these advantages in no small degree. Canada is a wonderful country in minerals, inture, in furs, and the development in. the fields has scarcely begun, and the territory is as yet sparsely settled, but population is seeking its boundaries. targely and the coming year must show

AN ONTARIO UIRL. identity of Vera Douglas at Last Revealed.

New York, Jan. 10. - A Paris cable says that the identity of Vera Douglas, the woman who died last month in the French capital, and who was known in two-continents by reason of her adtwo-continents by reason of her adventurous life, has been discovered. She was the daughter of Stephen Douglas, a farmer at Mitchell, Ont. Vera Douglas at one time had a Russian Grand Duke in her train, and her conquests in New York and the Old World were notable on account of her heavity.

of her beauty.

The above story is corroborated by the young woman's parents, who have been notified of her death, and her body will probably be shipped to them.

CHINA AND CHINA CLOSET.

It is possible to spend quite a small fortune in china and glass ware for one's table, but if care and taste are used in the selection, one may have very inexpensive ware which will decorate the table in a way to delight the eye of the most fastidious.

If there is any help that can be given one whose china closet must be filled with inexpensive china, it is to suggest blue and white ware. Won-derfully good effects are to be found in this combination of color, and in no other cheap ware are such pleasing designs. There is an air of distinction about this ware that every good house keeper will understand.



A Corner China Closet. sure that each course is kind of design, if the entire set is not purchased complete, and odd dishes are picked up here and there. It shows either a lack of taste or a lack of china when the table is set with several different patterns for the same course. No matter how beautiful each piece may be in itself, the whole will present a common appearance.

A set of china ranges from 125 pieces to 140 and more, but in these latter cases the extra pieces, while giving the cases the extra pieces, while giving the impression of getting a great deal for the money, they are a little delusive, as the extra pieces are usually very small, including individual butter plates and sauce dishes and such small.

In higher-priced chinas, there is the Cauldron ware, which sells as high as four or five hundred dollars a set; but it is beautiful beyond compare, as it certainly ought to be.

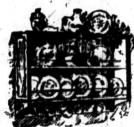
A set of Wedgwood china may be had for about half the price of the former, while the real Haviland china can be had for from fifty to one hundred

Less expensive china may be had from twenty-five to fifty dollars a set, and in porcelain ware some choice designs may be purchased at fifteen and

twenty dollars per set.

The floral designs upon real china are more in border effects than in allover decoration; therefore, if you are selecting a cheaper set, and desire something similar to that of higher price, look well about before buying. A set of delicately bordered, lightweight ware, closely resembling the higher priced china can be purchased for thirty-five dollars, and a set of oldbe had as low as twenty-five dollars White and gold sets are again popular and for general use they are to be com mended, as they harmonize with any floral decoration desired, and allow great latitude in table napery. The fashionable silk embroideries on table linen, which have been done in various

delicate tones, may, any one, be used safely with a white and gold set. The well-appointed table shows glittering array of cut glass instead of



Cut glass is nearly as expensive as silver, requires just as much care to keep it shining, and is far more decorative on a propery set table, with its every facet glistening like that of a diamond when the light strikes it. The histress, herself, takes entire care of it handling it lovingly, and polishing it as proudly as she would so many

Exquisitely tinted Bohemian glass is shown in many shades of green, a new rose pink, a rich red, and a clear glass with gold tracings, the latter being the most popular for berry and ice-cream sets, claret cups and jugs. These jugs are tailer than those of last season, and more slender and graceful in shape.

The tultp is a favorite sorbet glass and is usually seen in shades of yellow Punch or sorbet is also served in the heart of a full-blown pink rose, made of the new pink, Bohemian glass. All these flower glasses rest on a naturally shaped, green leaf, which is of glass and used for the saucer.

Finger-bowls have grown smaller. The latest are mad of tinted Bohe mian glass, and have a footed bowl, which rests on a plate to match. If possible, the finger-bowl should carry out the color scheme of the table. The most correct champagne glasses have the melon-shaped bowl.

Though many of the china closets are now built stationary in the houses, yet the handsomest ones are those which portable and have glass sides. They are made in all forms and sizes and from a great variety of woods though at present oak and mahogany

are the favored ones. Some are plain and straight, looking very much like a library bookcase while others are made to fit into a conner. Some fit into the corner, and ye the sides extend out straight with the walls on each side of the corner, thus making the closet extremely large.-

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