

POINTS FROM THE BUDGET

Hon. W. S. Fielding Says It Is Time for Caution and Courage.

The decrease in the net debt amount to \$3,371,117.

The cost of the Transcontinental to date has been \$8,163,878.

Actual cash surplus of \$16,427,167 reported for nine months.

Tariff is not perfect, but it is too soon yet to make any changes.

The revenue for the closing fiscal year is estimated at \$96,500,000.

We are just emerging from a period of world-wide financial stringency.

Owing to change in system the fiscal period this time covered only nine months.

A reduction in the debt has been made only in six years since Confederation.

Imports have increased nearly \$45,000,000, and exports decreased about \$5,000,000.

On the part of the Government it is a time for caution and yet a time for courage.

There are alterations in the excise duties on tobacco, but not for purposes of revenue.

In 1891 the net debt per head of population was \$49.09; in 1897, \$50.87; in 1908, \$42.84.

We must not fail to push forward the great enterprise of the Transcontinental Railway.

For the present year the revenue is

estimated at \$90,000,000 and the expenditure at \$12,000,000.

The Post-Office Department showed a revenue of \$5,061,728, and expenditure of \$3,979,557, a surplus of \$1,082,171.

Rates of interest of 6 and 7 per cent. to be paid on the \$10,000,000 advanced for moving the western crops last year.

The total exports for eleven months of 1908 were \$266,876,601. For the corresponding months of the present year they were \$261,434,521.

The total imports for eleven months of 1908 were \$308,764,306; for the corresponding period of the present year they were \$341,175,095.

The Intercolonial Railway revenue was \$6,284,251, showing a surplus of \$218,079. On the P. E. I. Railway there is a deficit of \$67,713.

Mr. Fielding thought the House was content with a budget speech not so long as formerly, and therefore occupied only an hour and a half.

Need for greater elasticity in the currency laws by extending the powers of the bank with respect to the issue of their currency at crop movement periods.

He estimated that the revenue would amount to \$96,500,000, and the amount chargeable to consolidated fund to \$77,500,000. If these expectations were realized the year would close with a surplus of \$19,000,000, a larger surplus than in any previous year.

THE TEMERAIRE TYPE.

The New Warships are Infinitely Superior to Dreadnought.

A despatch from London says: Speaking in the House of Lords on Wednesday evening, Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the Admiralty, defended the policy of the Government in refraining temporarily from laying down a large number of battleships, and said that the construction of battleships just now partook largely of the nature of an experiment.

Great Britain's three vessels of the Temeraire type, he declared, were infinitely superior to the Dreadnought type, and the three vessels of the St. Vincent type would be an improvement on the Temeraire type.

In the spring of 1911 Great Britain would have three squadrons of four ships each of the St. Vincent type. No power in the world would be able to assemble such a fleet of first-class battleships.

Lord Tweedmouth declared, and he could almost say that a combination of all the powers of the world would not be able to put an equal squadron on the sea.

BOARDING-HOUSE MILK.

In Winnipeg It Must Have Three Per Cent. Butter Fat.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: The new city milk by-law affects not only dairymen, but all those who sell milk, including restaurants, hotels and boarding-houses. The latter must not place milk on the tables or on draught that contains less than three per cent. butter fat. Several will appear in the Police Court to-morrow charged with violating the law in this respect.

TWO YEARS FOR CHIEF CLERK.

W. A. Hunt Deceived C. N. R. With Forged Pay Checks.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: W. A. Hunt, formerly chief clerk in the C. N. R. accounting department, on Thursday was sent to the penitentiary for two years for defrauding the company through forged pay checks. His confederates escaped with light sentences.

LAND SEEKERS POURING IN.

Entering Saskatchewan From Western States in Crowds.

A despatch from North Portal, Sask., says: Nearly one thousand land seekers and prospective settlers came in at this point over the "Soo" line on Thursday from the United States, and it looks as if the total number for the week will form a new record for this port of entry. Fifty cars of settlers' effects were passed through the Customs, chiefly belonging to men from the middle West, who had taken up land along the "Soo" line and west of Moosejaw, last Fall. Most of the settlers who are coming in are Americans from the States of Illinois, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and North and South Dakota. Almost all of them are experienced farmers, and many of them have from \$10,000 to \$30,000 with which to purchase land and erect first-class buildings. In every way they are a desirable class of settlers, and each family is a decided asset to the country.

DEATH SENTENCE ON ORCHARD.

Judge Recommends it be Commuted to Imprisonment.

A despatch from Caldwell, Idaho, says: Harry Orchard was sentenced to death on Wednesday for the murder of Governor Stuenkel. Judge Fremont recommended that the State Board of Pardons commute Orchard's sentence of death to imprisonment in the State Penitentiary. The sentence of death was pronounced in accordance with the plea of guilty entered by Orchard on Tuesday of last week.

SET FIRE TO BARRACKS.

Stratford Man Confesses to Outrage Against Salvation Army.

A despatch from Stratford says: On Friday night last fire was discovered in the Salvation Army Barracks, but it was noticed and extinguished before much damage was done, and on Sunday Fred Bryant confessed to having turned on the gas and set fire to the building in several places. He was placed under arrest.

LEADING MARKETS

BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, March 24.—Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 northern, \$1.21; No. 2 northern, \$1.18; feed wheat, 67½¢; No. 2 feed, 61½¢.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white, 93¢ outside; No. 3 red, 92½¢; No. 2 mixed, 91½¢; goose, 90¢ to 91¢.

Corn—Firm; No. 3 yellow American, 72¢ to 73¢; Toronto freights; No. 3 mixed, 1¢ less.

Barley—No. 2, from 60¢ to 70¢, according to quality.

Peas—No. 2, 86¢ outside.

Rye—No. 2, 86¢.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 67¢.

Oats—No. 2 white, 50¢ outside, 52½¢ on track Toronto; No. 2 mixed, 48¢ outside.

Flour—Manitoba patents, special brands, \$6; seconds, \$5.40; strong bakers, \$5.30; winter wheat patents, \$3.50.

Bran—Full cars, \$25 to \$26, bags included, outside.

Shorts—Scarce, \$23 to \$24.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Poultry—Very quiet.

Young turkeys, extra choice . . . 15c to 17c

Young geese 9c to 11c

Young ducks 9c to 11c

Chickens, choice 13c to 14c

Old fowl 8c to 10c

Inferior chickens and fowls . . . 5c to 7c

Butter—Receipts are improving.

Creamery, prints 31c to 32c

do solids 30c to 31c

Dairy prints 25c to 27c

do large rolls 24c to 25c

do solids 23c to 24c

Inferior 20c to 21c

Eggs—New-laid 21c to 22c; lined, 19c to 20c.

Honey—Strained steady at 11c to 12c per pound for 60-pound pails and 12c to 13c for 5 to 10-pound pails. Combs at \$1.75 to \$2.50 per dozen.

Cheese—13½¢ to 14c for large and 14c to 14½¢ for twins, in job lots here.

Beans—\$1.70 to \$1.75 for primes and \$1.80 to \$1.85 for hand-picked.

Baled Straw—\$9 to \$10 per ton on track here.

Baled Hay—Timothy is quoted at \$16 to \$17 in car lots on track here.

Potatoes—Ontario, 90c to 95¢; Delaware, 95c in car lots on track here.

PROVISIONS.

Pork—Short cut, \$21 to \$21.50 per barrel; mess, \$17.50 to \$18.

Lard—Tercets, 11½¢; tubs, 11½¢; pails, 11½¢.

Smoked and Dry Salted Meats—Long clear bacon, 9½¢ to 10c for tons and cases; hams, medium and light, 12½¢ to 13c; hams, large, 11½¢ to 12c; backs, 10c to 10½¢; shoulders, 9½¢ to 10c; rolls, 9½¢ to 10c; breakfast bacon, 14c to 15c; green meats out of pickle, 1c less than smoked.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, March 24.—The flour market is fairly active. Choice spring wheat patents, \$6.10; seconds, \$5.50 to \$5.60; winter wheat patents, \$5.30; straight rollers, \$4.75 to \$5; do., in bags, \$2.25 to \$2.35; extra, \$1.89 to \$1.90.

An active demand prevails for cheese on the local market. September westerns are selling at 13c for white and 13½¢ for colored. September easterns, 13½¢ for white and 13½¢ for colored. There is a strong demand for butter. Grass goods are selling at 30c to 35c, current receipts at 28c to 29c. There is a little firmer tone to the local egg market. Canadian fresh are selling at 25c to 26c, American fresh at 23½¢ to 24c.

Provisions—Barrels short cut mess, \$21; half-barrels, \$10.75; clear fat back, \$22 to \$23; long cut heavy mess, \$20; half-barrels do., \$10.50; dry salt long clear backs, 10½¢; barrels plate beef, \$13.50 to \$15; half-barrels do., \$7.25 to \$7.75; barrels heavy mess beef, \$10 to \$11; half-barrels do., \$5.50 to \$6; compound lard, 8½¢ to 9c; pure lard, 11½¢ to 11c; kettle rendered, 11½¢ to 12c; hams, 12c to 13½¢, according to size; breakfast bacon, 14c to 15c; Windsor bacon, 14½¢ to 15½¢; fresh killed abattoir dressed hogs, \$8 to \$8.25; live, \$5.80 to \$6.

Manitoba bran, \$23 to \$24.50; shorts, \$25; Ontario bran, \$24.50 to \$25; middlings, \$26 to \$27; shorts, \$25.50 to \$26 per ton, including bags; pure grass mouille, \$34 to \$35, and milled grades, \$25 to \$29.

Rolls oats, \$2.75; corn, \$1.60 to \$1.70 per bag.

BUFFALO MARKET.

Buffalo, March 24.—Wheat closed:—Spring firm; No. 1 northern, \$1.09½; No. 2 red, 99¢; Winter steady. Corn—Higher; No. 2 yellow, 71c. Oats—Firm; No. 2 white, 58½¢; No. 2 mixed, 55c. Barley—92c to \$1.03. Rye—No. 1 on track, 90c.

NEW YORK WHEAT MARKET.

New York, March 24.—Spot steady; No. 2 red, \$1.01½ elevator; No. 2 red, \$1.02½ f.o.b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, \$1.14½ f.o.b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, \$1.12½ f.o.b. afloat.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Toronto, March 24.—A few good exporters were offered, some of which brought as high as \$5.25, and a few loads of heavy bulls sold at \$3.80 to \$4.25.

The best butchers' cattle all sold off first, as the demand for them was keenest. The proportion of cows was about as usual and good ones were in fair demand, selling at \$3.60 to \$4.10. Common and medium ranged from \$2 to \$3.40.

CHEERED FOR SUFFRAGE

Incipient Riots Were Checked in Berlin By the Police.

A despatch from Berlin, Germany, says: The people of the east side of Berlin paid silent tribute on Wednesday to the memory of the revolutionists who were killed in the street fighting in this city in 1848. An imposing crowd of sympathizers gathered at the grave of the dead men in Friedrichshain Park, which is at the centre of the east side district, and heaped them high with flowers and wreaths.

Towards the close of the day a huge crowd gathered at the Halle Gate and marched up Frederick street singing

the workmen's Marseillaise and other Socialistic songs, and shouting "Hurrah for universal suffrage!" The crowd tried to reach Unter den Linden, but on approaching within a block observed a thick cordon of mounted police occupying the street ahead, and turned into a side street, hoping to reach their objective point by another route. They found all the cross streets held by the police, however, and made a wide detour toward the castle, eventually reaching the Reichsbank. The police drew their sabres and forced the marching crowd to retreat.

JUDGE MABEE TO BE CHAIRMAN.

Will be New Head of the Board of Railway Commissioners.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Mr. Justice Mabee is to be the new chairman of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada. He came here on Saturday to attend the weekly High Court, was again urged by the Minister of Railways to accept the office of Chief Commissioner, and finally consented. The order-in-Council consummating the arrangement will be passed by the Cabinet this week. Judge Mabee refused the position a week ago for the reason principally that by leaving the bench he would forfeit his right to a pension after so many years' service, which as a judge he would be entitled to. Assurances have now been given him that the judicial pension system will be made applicable to any member of the bench retiring therefrom to accept a position on the Railway Commission as was done in Judge Killam's case. Judge Mabee's appointment will be for ten years at the annual salary of \$10,000. The selection of the new Chief Commissioner is conceded by legal members of the House of both political parties to be an admirable one.

FIGHT AT FORT WILLIAM.

Italians and Russians Engage—Several Were Injured.

A despatch from Fort William says: Italians and Russians at the coal docks here got into a fight early on Thursday morning, two or three of the participants being badly cut about the head. The fight started by Toni Bill and Tejla Morph throwing cordwood through a window into a house occupied by Daniel Sumnarish and Andrew Ruzzhi.

HURLED INTO THE MUD RIVER.

Aged Manitoba Woman Killed and Husband Fatally Injured.

A despatch from Westbourne, Man., says: Mrs. Wm. Morrison, 72 years of age, was killed instantly and her husband fatally injured while out driving on Sunday afternoon. The horse swerved to one side and slipping on the bridge crossing the Mud River, crashed through the railing and dragged over the sleigh and its occupants.

FARMERS IN GOOD SHAPE.

Very Few Applications in Manitoba for Seed Grain.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: Less than fifteen applications by municipalities have been made to the Provincial Government for seed grain. The farmers generally in Manitoba, outside of one or two exceptions in the hilled areas and in the remote settlements, are in good shape.

One hundred and forty-nine Hindus were released at Vancouver, and thirty-five others held to be deported.

STARTED TWO BIG FIRES

Stormont Youth Wanted to Stifle Competition and Drudgery in Father's Store.

A despatch from Cornwall says: The sensation of the week in Stormont County is the confession of Philip K. Low, the 20-year-old son of J. W. Low, merchant, of Finch, that he was privy to the big conflagration in Finch Village on May 14, of last year, and that he had helped along the big fire of the previous day. The two fires nearly wiped out a busy village at the junction of the O. and N. Y. and C. P. Railways, and between them caused a loss of over \$85,000.

Low, who is a nice looking, but rather weak-faced, young man of 20 years or so, confessed on Wednesday to F. D. McNaughton, reeve of Finch, that on the day of the first fire, when it looked as if the flames might be

tinguished, he had started a fire in one of the threatened buildings, hoping thereby to burn out one of the business rivals of his father. On the night of the following day he started a fire in his father's store, and this caused the more serious conflagration of the two and nearly wiped Finch off the map. The reason he gave for the second act of incendiarism was that he was tired of the drudgery at a country store.

Before Alex. McNaughton, J. P., Reeve McNaughton testified to this confession, and the prisoner affirmed that the confession was voluntary and in accordance with the light given him by God. The prisoner was remanded for trial on a charge of arson.

TRADE FOR ELEVEN MONTHS

There Was a Falling Off in Imports While Exports Increased.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The trade returns of the Dominion for the month of February and for the first eleven months of the current fiscal year, which ends on the 31st instant, were issued on Wednesday. The present commercial depression is reflected in the continued falling off of imports, which began with December last, although exports, on the other hand, show a gratifying increase. For the last month the imports amounted to \$21,604,133, a decrease of \$3,803,333, as compared with February of last year. Domestic exports amounted to \$14,656,818, an increase of \$2,015,961. Exports of foreign products totalled \$832,477, as compared with \$1,075,294 in the corresponding month of 1907.

For the eleven months of the current fiscal year the total trade amounted to \$589,755,974, an increase of \$30,156,704. Imports totalled \$328,321,453, a gain of \$21,798,784, and exports totalled \$261,434,521, a gain of \$5,357,920.

Exports of the products of the mines increased about \$2,400,000; agriculture, \$4,700,000, and manufactures, \$1,835,000. Exports of fisheries fell off by \$160,000; forest, \$1,700,000, and animals and their product, \$12,150,000.