Imperial Budget Increases Taxes

A Deficit of Forty-One Millions Pounds For the Year Estimated.

Duty On Coal Exports and Sugar Imports For Revenue Raising,

London, April 18.-Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, chancellor of the exchequer, delivered his budget speech to-day. He places two pence additional to the income tax, making it one shilling and two pence. The budget does not provide for an increase in the duties on beer or tea. A duty will be imposed on sugar. spirits or tobacco. It provides for a duty of four shillings and twopence per hundredweight on refined sugar, and a duty of two shillings per hundredweight is imposed on molasses. West Indian sugar is not excepted. A duty of one shilling and eightpence per hundredweight is imposed on glucose. A shilling per ton duty is imposed on imported coal. Raw sugar polarizing below 98, is to pay a duty gradually diminishing according to each degree of polarization, to a minimum of two shillings at a po-

The total expected yield of the new taxation is £11,000,000, of which £2,100,-000 will be from coal.

larization of 76.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer proposed to suspend the sinking fund and borrow £60,000,000. He asked also for permission to extend the present borrowing powers to borrowing on consols. The loan will be in consols.

Proceeding to review the variou items of revenue, he mentioned that the revenue from beer was £4,000,000

the revenue from beer was £4,000,000 less than the estimate.
"That decrease," said the Chancellor of the Exchequer, "is probably attributable to the fact that very many beer drinkers are in South Africa, and also to the decrease in the spending power of the people owing to the high price of coal. Experiment has shown that we have practically reached the limit in the profitable taxation of sprits."

The receipts from the death duties were £1,500,000 below those of the preceding year, but he had better expectations for next year.

The prolongation of the war and the absence of business on the stock exchange were responsible for the unsatischange were responsible for the unsatisfactory yield from stamps. In noting that the yield from the income tax was £1,150,000 above the estimate, the Chancellor of the Exchequer remarked that in twelve years the income on which taxation had been paid had been increased by no less than £120,000,000, a fact that he hoped the house would remember when he reached a later part of his speech.

The only other points of the revenue which he need touch upon were the exceptional receipts owing to the mint, the silver coinage and the telegraph receipts, which compared year interest legists. coinage and the telegraph receipts, compared very unfavorably with

THE DEFICIT. The deficit for last year, £53,207,000 showed that they had paid £15,413,000 out of the revenue for the cost of the war. The total amount provided by the

state last year aggregated the enormous sum of £198,346,000.

"As to the national debt," said the Chancellor of the Exchequer, "it stands in painful contrast with last year, but the funded debt had decreased by £1,-25,000. On April 1 the national debt stood at

£687,500,000, an increase of £55,000,000 on account of the war. THE ESTIMATED.

Turning to the present year, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said that the total estimated expenditure was £187, 600,000. On the existing basis it was that the revenue would be THE ESTIMATES.

William argued that England was be ## was at the first to be met?" asked ## winde cost of the war out of loans without putting a reasonable amount on the faxpayers of the day. The real difficulty, however, is not so much the cost of the war in South Africa as the operations in China, as they will increase out ordinary expenditure even if the war comes to an end within three or four months" (this statement caused cheering from the Irish members) "or sooner than the honorable members suppose. Our ordinary expenditure on a broader basis. This country has reached a point when it is necessary to put our expenditure on a broader basis. This country has reached a point when it is necessary to widen the scope of taxation, but direct taxpayers must bear their share of the burden. I propose that twopence shall be added to the income tax, making one shilling and twopence on the pound. The extra twopence will realize £3,800,000. There will be no addition to the wine, beer, spirits or tobacco duties. I am not disposed to imposted goods as suggested by Sir Howard Vincent.

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Mr. John Redmond, the Nationalist leader, asked what interest Ireland had in the war which led to this extraordinary disastrous and disgraceful finantial situation. He protested against fresh taxation, which, he said, imposed great injustice upon Ireland, that already disastrous and the war policy.

Replying to criticisms, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach said there were valuable approached the war impossible to say what the contribution for the war in the present state of that country would be.

At 1:40 this morning Mr. Balfour, the Government leader, said it was never the formation of the war in the present state of the formation of the war in the present state of the £132,255,000, leaving a deficit of about

"The average consumption of sugar is 56 pounds per head. Sugar is taxed in every other community in Europe, and is taxed in the United States. In this country taxes remained on sugar and is taxed in the United States. In this country taxes remained on sugar long after the institution of free trade. What I propose is not a protective duty but an adequate public necessity has arisen for some duty of which the laboring classes should bear a fair share. The effect of my proposals on the price of sugar is doubtful, as the price of sugar is governed by the bounty system. The great bulk of the imports of sugar comes from bounty giving counsame time does its best to restrict com-petition by its own people by every pos-sible means. The result is that there is an enormous surplus which has to find

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach Makes
Statement of Great Britain's
Finances.

A Deficit of Forty-One Millions

interests, Nothing must be done to protect the British refiner to the disauvantage of the British consumer. But on the other hand, fair play must be given to the British refiner as compared with his Continental rival. The refiner of beet sugar must not be favored as against the refiner of came sugar.

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"I propose a duty on refined sugar of four shillings and twopence a hundred-weight. A half penny per pound would be four shillings and eight pence, so a margin of six pence is left to cover the customs, handling, etc. There is, therefore, no reason why a tax of four shillings and twopence should increase ...e retail price more than a half penny per pound.

be as follows: Refined sugar which is polarized at 98 and upwards, and which presents two-thirds of the total imports, would pay the full tax. This will diminish to a minimum of two shillings per hundredweight on raw sugar polarized at 76. This scale is only tentative, and I am perfectly willing to listen to crificism and the benefit of experience and better knowledge.

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"Molasses, in which are included the grocery syrups consumed largely by the poor, pay two shillings per hundred-weight, and glucose, of which a great deal has been heard lately, and is in the manufacture of jams and aerated waters will have to bear a tax of one shilling and eight pence. I anticipate a yield of £5,100,000 from this tax. The West Indies will not be exempt.

EXPORT DUBY ON COAL.

EXPORT DUTY ON COAL. My next proposal is a novel one, un-known in this country for 45 years. It is an export duty of a shilling a ton on

the expenditure by again suspending the sinking fund to £182,962,000. This shows deficit of £39,707,000 to which must added £1,250,000 for the fresh debt I have to borrow. I must ask the house to give me borrowing powers considerably in excess of this deficit of £41,000,000. In order to finance the exchaquer, ask to borrow £60,000,000 by means

THE TRANSVAAL

"As to obtaining contributions from he Transvaal, Sir David Barbour's rethe Transvaal, Sir David Barbour's reports are not encouraging at present. I think the house will see the war has brought the country to the verge of ruin. (Opposition cheers greeted this remark.) "This can no longer be considered. The small war has cost £151, 000,000, double the cost of the Crimean war. There are £67,000,000 of the unfunded debt redeemable within the next ten years.

ng that his speech was characterized by onesty, a quality very much lacking in he conduct of the war, in telling the

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"The budget," continued Sir William Vernon Harcourt, "was but a chapter in the disastrous incident of the war. It was proposed to borrow altogether £127,000,000, four times as much as was borrowed for the Crimean war."

"We are living in an age of newspaper finance," said Sir William, "and of increased expenditures. We cannot go on without involving this country in financial ruin. The fashionable doctrine of the day is conscription and protection.

of the day is conscription and protection. Does anybody believe that this increase of expenditures is not to go on." Sir William argued that England was not as strong now as she was at the close of the French war, and declared in conclusion that it was the most disastrous statement that the exchequer had ever made.

Trespass Suit Decided by Judge Harrison.

Nanaimo, April 18.—(Special.)—Judge Harrison decided for plaintiff in Henderson v. Jones, a claim for one thousand dollars damages for trespass over land in New Westminster district claimed by both parties and awarded Henderson \$5 damages, and costs, thus sustaining plaintiff's claim to land, F. TcB. Young for plaintiff; Henry L. Edmonds, New Westminster, for defendant.

Discussing The Budget

Sir. Michael Hicks-Beach Praised for His Courage and Candor.

But Some Disappointment That Sugar Producing Colonies Not Favored.

London, April 19 .- On the whole the budget speech of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach appears to have been fairly well received, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer is congratulated upon a just

nies in the sugar tax.

In the course of an editorial on this point, the Daily Mail, reproaching the

government with a failure to show gra-

The coal duty, however, seems destined to excite the keenest opposition. It has created consternation in Wales and the North of England. The North country exporters to the Continent assert that the duty will almost prevent competition with the Westphalian coal. In South Wales it is urged that the duty will injure the miners and materially assist the United States and Germany.

Mr. Wm. Abraham, radical member for Glamorganshire, who is president of the Welsh Miners' Federation, said yesterday in the course of an interview, that he was extremely surprised at the proposal of such a tax, saying the ultimate result would be the closing down of scores of Welsh collieries and the throwing of thousands of men out of employment. Such a tax is wrong in principle and will inevitably result in the overthrow of the government. Although the government organs have little but praise for the budget, they fain would admit that if the near future were to bring by-elections, the results might be unfavorable for the government candidates.

The Ramona, the explosion on which reaped such a harvest of death, was brought to Victoria from the Columbia during the rush to the Klondike at the time when the Stikine route to the fam-was sent north and used for a short time on that river. When she returned to Victoria she lay in the upper harbor until soon after the Westminster fire, when Captain Baker and others came down and purchased her to replace one of the river steamers which were burned at the time of the big fire. Since then she has been in service on the Fraser.

Steamer Islander, which is lying across the bay with the R. P. Rithet, is

Various cabins on the outskirts of the Klondike capital. It throws off water so freely that many property owners have undertaken to protect their homes by means of ditches, but as the water gushes forth in numerous places their offertages of little avail

nection, in that the water freezes be-neath the cabins, the ice being pushed up until some of the houses are half-filled with it. In one cabin a stove has been elevated until the top of it touches the

The ice of the glacier is from twelve to fifteen inches thick in places, and besides rendering that section of Dawson uninhabitable, it threatens to render the trail eading to the cemeteries impassable dur-ing the summer. Such a result, it is pre-dicted, can be averted only through the

London April 18.—It is announced that King Edward will resign the post of commodore of the Royal Yacht Squad-ron, to become its patron in the place of the late Queen Victoria.

WANT INCREASES.

Up-to-Date Styles at

WEILER BROS.

Our-first consignment of Fall Goods in t ne Upholstering, Drapery and Curtain lin ire now on sale, and we can only say that for coloring, artistic effect and value we

Latest Novelties From

Paris, Berlin, London.

WEILER BROS."

Rithet to Run On the Fraser

She Will Replace the Lost Sternwheelers on the River Service.

known in this country for 40 years.

is an export duty of a shilling a ton on coal. In aiming to secure a revenue from coal I am not sacrificing trade. The imposition of a shilling, which is infinitely less than the fluctuations in price, will do no real nijury to the coal trade, even supposing that the export of coal is checked. I am not sure that even that result will be an evil. From this source, I expect £2,100,000, an aggregate of £11,000,000 from new taxation.

SUMMED UP.

"My final balance sheet will be, from daxation, a revenue of £122,200,000; from non-taxation, £21,055,000, a total from non-taxation in wales and the recent burning of the Exchequer would have upset the whole bounty system. But these had not been spoken. On the contrary, the whole bounty system. But these had not been spoken. On the contrary, the chaptening sugar for Great Britain, but at the same time completing the run of the colonies. It does not seem to strike him that an infinitely small decrease in the price of sugar would be poor compensation for driving the West indies into the American Umon."

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Mr. Wm. Abraham, radical member The Ramona, the explosion on which

"I have tried to put before the house present and immediate future. In our time no Chancellor of the Exchequer has so difficult a task, and no one has had a more indulgent audience. I have not laid proposals before the house with the view of gaining transient popularity, but I have endeavored to establish a principal of contribution by the whole community to the burdens of the state."

Sir Michael Hicks-Beach concluded at 6:44 p. m., amidst loud applause, having spoken two hours and twenty-six minutes.

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White Pass System to Establish Refrigerator Route for Perishable
Freight.

The object of the service is to ship in good condition all classes of fruit, vegetables, game, poultry. fish, eggs, butter and dressed meats. The White Pass Company has had building at its shops in Skagway a number of refrigerator cars designed after the most modern plans to transfer these perishable goods from Skagway to White Horse.

General Manager Hawkins has recently given a contract to the Oakland Iron

members in 1966. We freshold of the severely attacked Mr. Joseph o

heen caught in a snowstorm and was frozen to death.

ROYAL YACHT SQUADRON.

The King Will Become Patron Instead of Commodore.

London April 18.—It is announced that King Edward will resign the post of

CANNOT STOP MULES.

So Pearson Will Now Appeal to United States President.

though at present the price might rise and consumption consequently be reduced, would be that there would be such an inflow into this country of bounty fed sugar unable to go elsewners that the price might be brought down. Again, I do not believe that the duty will injure manufacturers using sugar to anything like the extent feared. Of course, provision will be made for inaposing a duty on manufactured activities from foreign countries coming into competition with the home article. I have preciation of his success in connection gendeavored to reconcile the conflicting with the fund, which totals \$1,200,000.

NANAIMO SUICIDE.

Annie Smith Swallows Carbolic Acid-She Came From Victoria.

Bad news from home was the immediate reason why Annie Smith committed suicide last Wednesday, at Nanaimo The Herald of Nanaimo says: She had been living with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Hansen in a house in the yard belonging to the gas works on Bridge street ever since last October, and of late had been driuking more than usuar and complain-

returning spoke bitterly of the main which her sister had treated her.

reading of the Finance bill an amendment regretting that the government hew owners would like to have her for failed to differentiate in favor of the colonies regarding sugar.

DAWSON FEARS GLACIER.

Immense Mass of Ice Formed on Hill in the throes of a glacial phenomic like is in the throes of a glacial phenomic mena. Two months ago a glacier made its appearance on the hillside back of Dawson and has steadily embraced territory, until now it covers several acres of ground, threatening the destruction of various cabins on the outskirts of the Klondike capital. It throws off water so freely that many reporter, owners would like to have her for the service in which she is to be placed on the run to Naas and norther the service of the colonies regarding sugar.

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BUBONIC PLAGUE. Ten New Cases Officially Reported in Capetown.

Capetown, April 18.—Ten new cases of the bubonic plague, including two Europeans, were officially reported to-day. Two additional desits have occurred. Official advices to the colonial office regarding the progress of the bubonic plague in South Africa show that prior to April 13 there had been 41 cases of the disease among persons under military and naval control in Cape Colony.

Expected at San Francisco In the Transport of the foreign maintenance was long of the foreign maintenance was considered. It is now estimated that £70,000,000 will cover all claims.

VICTORIA DAY.

The Garonne was long overdue and anxiety was felt for her safety.

Pulip MILL STRIKE.

Nanaimo, April 17.—(Special)—Mayor was long of the foreign maintenance was considered. It is now estimated that £70,000,000 will cover all claims.

VICTORIA DAY.

"Queen's Birthday" Drop.

Pulip MILL STRIKE.

Colombia Has Not Offered Canal Con-

cession to United States. Colon, Colombia, April 17, via Galveston.—Dr. C. Martinez Silva, the Colombian minister of foreign affairs now in Washington, has telegraphed here that the recent sensational reports relating to the extraordinary canal concessions offered by Colombia to the United States represent are untrue. MR. McNICOLL DENIES.

Reported Changes of Officials in the West Are Not True.

Montreal, April 17.—(Special)- Vice-President McNicoll denies the rumors of reported changes in leading C. P. R. officials in the West.

NAVIGATION OPENS.

First Steamer From Kingston Sailed Yesterday.

SHAMROCK TRIALS. The King Will Likely Be Spectator of the Races.

London, April 17.—It is expected that King Edward will witness the first trial races between the two Shamrocks at the Isle of Wight from Sir Thomas Lipton's steam yacht Erin. Mr. Wm. Fife, fr., the designer of Shamrock I., will direct this yacht during the trials, and Mr. Watson will direct Shamrock II.

Salaries Will

School Board Resolves to Grant an Increase Dating from May 1st.

At the special meeting of the school board where he played a conspicuous part. He last evening, the question of increase of salaries of assistant masters, was taken up General you S ing that everyone was against her. Recently she went to Victoria where her father and two sisters are living, and on returning spoke bitterly of the manner quest, the financial aspect was the big now commai Yesterday afternoon her sister Emma, stumbling block. The chairman, Dr. Lewis the Second

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The board went into committee of the whole with Trustee Drury in the chair, to consider the application of eight assistant masters for increased sataries.

Trustee Belyea suggested that the board would make better progress by first considering the estimates and finding what were the ways and means for providing salaries.

There is great rivalry between Quebec and Montreal and Mr. Tarte and the Solicitor-General exchanged show less than the control of t

White Pass System to Establish Refrigerator Route for Perishable
Freight.

The White Pass & Yukon route is projecting a refrigerator service between the Sound and British Columbia and Dawson, scheduled to make the trip in from seven to nine days.

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MORE BOER REVERSES.

Forced to Blow Up a Long Tom—Prisoners Captured.

London, April 18.—A dispatch from General Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Wednesday, April 17th, says:

"Plumer has occupied Bathfront, capturing 13 prisoners and a number of rifles and ammunition.

"Douglas's column has occupied Dubstroom, Six Boers were killed.

Indicate Brown be amended to read. That the male assistant teachers who saked for an increase of salary be notified that the board intend to addinst the salar less from May 1st next, with a view of readity such increases as the finances of the board will permit."

Dr He'll moved an amendment that the board intends of July' inserted in their place, as the board would then be ready to deal with the original motion carried. The committee of the whole then rose and reported the resultation. The board then adopted the reportant that the board intends to addinst the salar less from May 1st next, with a view of July' inserted in their place, as the board will permit."

Dr He'll moved a President of July' inserted in their place, as the board will permit."

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Philadelphia, April 17.—It is stated on what appears to be good authority that an immense steel forging plant will be built at Billingsport, N. J., on the Delaware river. Henry Fricke and his friends are said to be interested in the new enterprise.

THE GARONNE. Expected at San Francisco From the

Outlook Seems Serious at Grand Mere-No Settlement Effected.

Grand Mere, Que., April 17.—(Special.)

The strike of operatives of the pulp mill here looks serious. Officers of the Laurentide Pulp Co., Messrs. McGibbon and Alger having come by a special train from Montreal and had a long conference with the workmen, but it had no effect. In all there are about eight hundred men employed.

Palace **Destroyed**

Imperial Winter Residence At Pekin Has Been Burned Down.

Kingston, April 17.—The steamer Nero lett for Picton at 3 o'clock to-day on the first trip of the season. This marks the opening of the season's navigation.

And Count Von Waldersee's Chief of Staff Meets His of Staff Meets His Death.

> Result May be to Delay the Return of the Emperor.

Berlin, April 18.-Field Marshal Count von Waldersee reports that the best part of the winter palace at Pekin was destroyed by fire yesterday evening. Gen. Schwartzkof met his death in the fire, the cause of which is not explained. He adds that the French and Japanese Be increased troops gave the most prompt assistance. The field marshal and other officers lost nearly everything.

Major General von Schwartzkof, prior to his appointment as chief of staff to Count von Waldersee, commanded the 33rd infantry brigade in Schwerin. He was a member of the German delegation to the peace conference at The Hague, was not to be onfounded with Major-

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Winnipeg, and Dan O'Donohue played

Toronto Presbyterian Church Wants a

Toronto, April 17.—(Special)—Cook street Presbyterian church to night decided to call to its pastorate Rev. Alex. Esler, of West Chester, Pa., offering him a salam of \$2,000 him a salary of \$3,000.

ASKED FOR EXECUTIONS.

But Li Hung Chang Does Not Think Pekin, April 17.—A Presbyterian missionary Killie has returned from San Ho where Christians were burned to death in December. Mr. Killie reports to Gen. Chaffee that some time ago several of his converts were killed. He had the guilty parties tried in the courts where they were convicted and contours. where they were convicted and sentenced to death subject to Li Hung Chang's signature. Mr. Killie came to Pekin and saw Li Hung Chang, who said the men should be killed immediately. Upon going to San Ho three weeks later the missionary found the men alive. He spoke to a judge of the Chinese courts on the matter, who showed him a letter from Li Hung Chang, who gave aim instructions that the men must not be executed, as they had only been convicted on the testimony of Christians, consequently, the evidence was untrustworthy. Mr. Killie has a copy of the letter.

In the meantime the French authorities replied that if the men were not executed within eight days they would take the law into their own hands and punish the Chinese officials likewise.

The ministers of the foreign powers view with alarm the expedition against General Liu Kuan Ting as they think he will retreat, probably laying waste the villages he traversed and killing native Christians and that such action will be used as an excuse by the military for further aggression which would probably be the taking of Tai Yuan Fu, the capital of Shan Si province.

At to-day's meeting of the foreign ministers the question of indemnities was considered. It is now estimated that £70,000,000 will cover all claims.

Nanaimo, April 17.—(Special)—Mayor Manson has called a public meeting of citizens for Friday night to discuss the best method of honoring May 24, the late Queen Victoria's birthday Messrs, MacLellan and Blake, Was Messrs. MacLellan and Blake, Washington mining men, left for Texada Island in the steamer Sudbury this morning to inspect claims there belonging to J. T. Edwards, with a view to purchase. They will examine a number of mineral claims between here and Alberni of their return from Texada. Gov

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