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#### MR. FLEMMING'S BUDGET.

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At last we have a genuine budget. We have a balance sheet that is complete and final. There is an end of the long nightmare of concealed overgrafts and buried suspense accounts. Whether the record be good or bad, there it is, the whole of it, and the people of New Brunswick, for the first time in many years, know where they stand. The balance is real. There are no mysterious accounts lurking in the background falsifying the whole statement. Mr. Flemming's exposition speaks for it. statement. Mr. Flemming's exposition speaks for it-self and is frank about it. We commend it to public Referring to the Department of Railways and Canals self and is frank about it. We commend it to public study as a clear and comprehensive account of the financial situation. It is something to have a Provincial Secretary able and willing to make such a presentation.

#### UNITED STATES AMBASSADORS.

at foreign courts by some of their best. Their President may often have been selected on the score of a certain availability rather than merit and ability, so that several of the most notable statesmen of their day were denied the highest office in the nation by the very fact that they were conspicuous and influential. There was no White House for Henry Clay, or Daniel Webster, or John Sherman, or James G. Blaine, though Franklin Pierce, James Buchaban, and Rutherford B. Hayes were presidents.

The diplomatic service has been in the control of the Presidents themselves, and while the spoils system may have sometimes prevailed in this sphere, the patronage has been largely so used, that the dignity and interests of the nation have been guarded, while culture and letters have received reward and recognition. The list of United States ministers and ambassadors to European states and to the consular service abroad includes showing the financial operations of the Revolution of the Revol not only leading statesmen but men of letters. In this connection most readers would think first of James Rus-

Mr. Choate was a great jurist, Mr. Bayard the near est approach to a professional statesman that American conditions produce. Had Bayard lived in New York, and est approach to a professional statesman that American conditions produce. Had Bayard lived in New York, and Cleveland in Delaware the latter might never have been President, and no one would have considered him equal to the position of minister or ambassador to Great Brit-

the nomination of ex-President Eliot, of Harvard University, as the next ambassador to Great Britain. This announcement has been received everywhere with applause. President Eliot is a type of the successful university administrator rather than of the great scholar. His work as a teacher was in the domain of natural scen. His work as a teacher was in the domain of natural scenery and his most widely read work is a small text book on inorganic chemistry. But he is one of those men who are interested in whatever men do, and his sane views on all kinds of current questions contradict the invidious phrase in the will of Cecil Rhodes, that College professors and authorities are like children who live away from the world and do not understand affairs. President Taft's appointment of ex-President Eliot is a fair resist and former Oxford professor as the British Ambassador at Washington.

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The last mentioned appointment is an illustration of the fact that while Great Britain has a trained diplomatic service, she often calls to the highest missions men who are untrained in that department of public activity. Lord Duflerin was transferred from the Colonial service to the field of diplomacy to win great distinction in more than two or three important missions. Mr. Bryce became ambassador at Washington with no previous experience at foreign courts. In these instances as in the case of the journalists, professors and authors, who were made rainisters, ambassadors and consuls, native ability and sagacity compensated for the absence of expert training.

### CORRECTIONS ON AUTHORITY.

In the following statement an interesting reason is given by the Sun why there should be no Cassels investigations into other departments:

"A couple of years ago the Government appointed "such a commission choosing as its members independent "and well-informed men and giving them a free hand. "This commission made complete and careful inquiry "into every branch of the public service and made a report which certainly did not err on the side of partiality to the Government. Where criticism was deemed necessary criticism was made in strong words. Wherever

"there was a head to hit the commission hit it hard and "straight. But in all this investigation and criticism "ground for auspicion of dishonesty was found only in the "Marine Department. The system of administration in "some others was censured and one department, that "of Militia, was accused of extravagance. But only in "the Marine was there found a lack of conscience."

The Sun goes on to say that in consequence of this report about the Marine Department the inquiry has been pushed farther, but as the others revealed no noticeable fault to the first commission, in spite of the careful inquiry into every branch of the public service, no reason for further investigation exists.

The weakest point in this argument is that it is based on statements that are not facts.

Is is not true that the Government gave the commissioners a free hand. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Aylesworth and Mr. Brodeur have all declared in the House that the Government did nothing of the kind.

It is not true that the commissioners made careful inquiry into every branch of the service. The commissioners themselves fiatly contradicted this statement.

Statement of Mr. Brodeur (Hansard 1908, page 5621): "The Order-in-Council appointing the commissioners authorized them to inquire into and report on such changes as may be deemed advisable for efficiency of the public service. I may venture the opinion that matters connected with the management and control of the department can scarcely be said to come within the scope of this commissioner."

Statement of Mr. Aylesworth (Hansard 1908, page 7361): "They (the commissioners) were appointed to inquire into the administration of the general departments of the Government service \* \* They did undoubtedly go beyond the commission of inquiry issued to them in what they have reported. \* \* \* They did undoubtedly go beyond the commission of inquiry issued to them in what they have reported. \* \* \* They did undoubtedly go beyond the commission of inquiry issued to them in what they have reported. \* \* \* They

(report page 32) they say "your commissioners have not visited this department." In the same connection they explain why they could not investigate the Interior Department. On page 20 they say "it would take many months to examine the work of the Interior Department.

When the national record of the United States comes to be audited it will be set down to the credit of the people that they caused themselves to be represented at foreign courts by some of their best. Their President may often have been able to go over only a very small section of even the Marine and Fisheries Department." (Page 37)

#### THAT PROFITABLE INVESTMENT.

"Large profits from the Royal Mint." This is showing the financial operations of the Royal Mint last year indicates that it is a most profitable

Silver Coined	\$313,338
Copper Coined	23,290
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Profit on Copper	18,709
Cost of Maintenance and Operation	71,939
Net Profit,	82,492

to the position of minister or ampassador to Great Britain, where Bayard made himself so acceptable. But for the author's opportunity of residence at European centres we should probably not have the Dutch Republic or the Marble Fawn, or the English Note Book, or Ben Hur.

Some of these appointments prepare the mind for the nomination of cx-President Eliot, of Harvard Universidate of the Novel subassador to Great Britain. This appointment buys bar silver worth 40 to 45 cents, and makes out of it one dollar's worth of silver was bounded in England the same as it is now. Formerly we bought the silver bars in Birmingham and paid three cents on the dollar to have them coined at the Royal

To get the same work done in Canada and make the same earnings, we paid \$71,939, or a little more than six times the British cost of manufacture. Besides this we have paid \$520,000 for the building and plant, which is still incomplete. Allowing four per cent for interest, and two per cent for depreciation and insurance, we have \$31,200, making the total annual charge \$102,139 to accomplish the work and earn the margin previously accomplished and earned with an outlay of \$11,729.

It may be added that the salary of the master of the mint, the superintendent, the accountant, and two of the foremen would a little more than pay the Royal mint in England for all the work done in the Canadian establishment.

in Engagement is the people \$90,000. This "profitable investment" costs the people \$90,000 a year more than it earns.

#### A DELIRIOUS IDEA.

Mr. Currie, of Restigouche, who did not accomplish or attempt much for prohibition when his friends were in power, has now hit upon a novel programme. Mr. Maxwell is a member of an administration which proposes the most advanced temperance legislation enacted by the legislature since Confederation. Mr. Currie invites him to move a prohibition amendment to his own bill. In case Mr. Maxwell should succeed in defeating his own Government, Mr. Currie would then cross the floor and support the ministry whose measure had been defeated.

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## **DEATHS**

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Rev. A. F. Browne.

Digby, N. S., April 2—A telephone message received here this morning states that Rev. A. F. Browne, pastor of the Digby Neck Baptist Church, dropped dead between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, near the church at Little River. He had walked from the parsonage in Sandy Cove to the River to attend a special meeting. After arriving, he complained of feeling ill and went outside the church to get a drink of water. He was found a few minutes later by Captain Guthrie, who thought at first Mr. Browne was only unconscious, but later discovered he was dead. The deceased was 61 years of age. He was an old newspaper man and had also served in the American civil war, where he was wounded. Later he became a Baptist minister. He was a good writer and a good speaker and certainly a well informed man. He made a host of friends everywhere who will regret to hear of his death. He is survived by a widow, a sister of Mr. F. W. Steadman, of this town, one son, Fred, at the McDonald College, in Quebec, and one daughter, Mrs. Hay Eldrige, who resides in New Hampshire. Mr. Steadman left for Sandy Cove this morning to assist in completing the funeral arrangements. The remains will be interred in Bridgetown.

C. C. Barnes.

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T. Fred. Powers received a telegram this morning announcing the death of Mr. Charles C. Barnes, whose father kept Barnes's Hotel, on Prince William street, "before the fire." Deceased was £2 years old, and leaves a wife and family. He had been living in Boston for some years. Before his departure from St. John he kept a boarding house on Princess street.

coin, face value. That was done while the silver was coined in England the same as it is now. Formerly we bought the silver bars in Birmingham and paid three cents on the dollar to have them coined at the Royal Mitt, making profits from forty cents on the dollar up, according to the price of the metal at the time. We paid ten cents on the dollar for coining copper. In some years the coinage profits were as high as \$400,000.

Now we take the Government return. Had last year's coinage been done in England, the \$313,338 of silver coin would have cost for manufacture \$9,400 and the \$22,290 of copper would have cost \$2,329. Total, \$11,729.

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Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 2— dichard F. Mitchell, aged 39, of the loston Herald composing staff, and ormerly of the Examiner, Charlotte-lown, died on the Pierce farm, near Bosten, from paralysis of the brain.

#### R. C. TEACHERS BARRED.

Toronto, April 2.— The Board of Education last night declared itself pposed to the engagement og employment in future of teachers of the Roman Catholic faith in the public schools, by passing the following resolution meved by Trustee Brown, by a vote of six to three, after a spirited discussion:



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Dated this thirty-first day of March, A. D. 1909.

ARTHUR W. SHARP, Clairman.

URIAH DRAKE,

TIMOTHY T. LANTALIM,

HARTLEY C. VANWART,

JOHN ROSS,

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"Sec. 112. The Assessment in a change of the Leal
Personal Estate and the Lamp person who has not statement in a chance notice, and as squired it

any person who has not brought in a statement in acfraence with their notice, and as a full of the law, and shall make in estimate thereof, at the true value and amount, to the best of their information and belief; and such estimate shall be conclusive upon all persons who have not filed their statements in due time, unless they can show a reasonable excuse for the omission.

"Sec. 133. No person shall have an abatement unless he has filed with the Assessors the statement, under oath, within the time hereinbefore required; nor shall the Common Council in any such case, sustain an appeal from the judgment of the Assessors, unless they shall be satisfied that there was good cause why the statement was not filed in due time as herein provided.

#### **Probate Court**

City and County of Saint John.
'o the Sheriff of the City and County

To the Sheriff of the City and County of Saint John, or any Constable of the said City and County—Greeting:
Whereas the surviving executor of the estate of Mary Ann Brayden, of the City of Saint John, in the City and County of Saint John, married woman, deceased, has filed in this Court an account of his administration of the said deceased's estate and has prayed that the same may be passed and allowed in due form of aw, and distribution of the said estate directed according to the terms of the last Will and Testament of the said Mary Ann Brayden, deceased.

You are therefore required to cite the Heirs, next of in, Divisees and Legatees of the decased and all of the creditors and their presons interested in her said state to appear before me at a Court of Probate to be held in and for the City and County of

the forenoon hen and there to attend at the pastig and allowing of the said account and at the making of the order for the distribution of the said estatt as prayed for and as by law directal.

aw directed.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the said Probate (L. S.) Court, this eleventh day of March, A. D., 1909.

(Sgd.) J. R. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate, (Sgd.) H. O. McINERNEY, Registrar of Probate.

(Sgd.) E. T. C. KNOWLES, Proctor.

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