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THE PROVINCIAL ACCOUNTS.

Any persons fond of juggling with figures, and of dabbling in the various and manifold combinations and permutations which they provide, will find ample scope for the exercise of their ingenuity in the solution of intricate problems by studying the annual report and balance sheet of the Provincial Accounts as published by the Comptroller-General.

Yet what have we got? We have a balance sheet which Hon. Robert Murray says was prepared by the Comptroller-General, and audited by Price, Waterhouse & Co. "to make sure it was accurate."

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Now, taking the Territorial Revenue again, these discrepancies will be found to exist between the Balance Sheet and the Report:

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One begins to wonder what books and accounts Price, Waterhouse & Co. used to make up their balance sheet from, or, rather, what books and accounts they were shown to enable them to check the balance sheet which the Provincial Secretary says the Comptroller prepared for them.

The figures on the Expenditure side are open to the same criticism. In some cases they are the same in the balance sheet and the report, but in a large number of cases they are totally different.

The balance sheet, according to Price, Waterhouse & Co.'s statement, exhibits "a true and correct view" of the financial position of the Province. Then, if it does, the statements contained in the Comptroller's report cannot be true and correct also.

Premier Foster told the Leader of the Opposition the other day that he would be glad to give the explanations that were asked for by the latter in his speech in the Budget debate.

We notice from the reports in the various newspapers of the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance that this august body has decided to call upon the Government to hold a referendum regarding the prohibition of liquor importation.

The revenue of the Government of the United Kingdom for the fiscal year ending with March 31 was £1,239,571,960. Though this was £450,000,000 in excess of the previous year's receipts and considerably in excess of the Government's estimates, it was £226,200,000 less than the expenditure, which reached the large sum of £1,665,772,000.

Chicago is the latest city to have a strike of municipal employees, the general demand being for increase of from \$30 to \$45 a month.

According to the official Report, the Hon. Mr. Tweeddale started out by saying he wished to give a synopsis of the work of his Department.

Mr. William Jennings Bryan, who used to express confidence in the willingness and ability of the nations

to maintain a state of universal peace, now declares his conviction that developments are leading to another war in Europe.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

The Irish Imbroglio. (Toronto Globe) Good old Irishmen of all parties should get together before they are exterminated by the other kind.

Very Argumentative. (Philadelphia Inquirer) When President Wilson is in an argumentative mood he won't take advice from himself.

Complete Difficulty. (Norfolk Virginian-Pilot) The latest fashion decrees render it impossible for any but the wearer to hide behind a woman's skirt, and she, too, finds it difficult.

A Mistaken Definition. (American Motorist) Sometimes a fellow calls making a lot of damn-fool mistakes with a motor getting experience.

Britain's Word. (London Free Press) One is proud to note in relation to the debate following which the French Chamber voted confidence in the Government, that former Premier Briand says in the course of his remarks on the allied policy with regard to Syria: "If human difficulties arise between the allies when the Government presents its resolution, it is England that will dishonor its signature."

As Usual. (Ottawa Herald) As usual, it remains for Britain to sit down on the Turk and put a stop to the slaughter of Armenians. If she is successful the motherland will be accused of being a dominating tyrant, while if trouble arises with the Mohammedans in British possessions as a result of the occupation at Constantinople the critical world will say it serves Britain right. Yet somebody had to act.

Britain Offers Coal. (Toronto Mail and Empire) Britain is offering to sell 1,000,000 tons of coal yearly at a price of \$75 a ton, or only two-thirds the present market price. This is a generous offer, especially as higher prices can be obtained, but in obtaining it, France cannot afford to neglect production in the new Saar areas.

Can You Blame Him? (Ottawa Herald) A normal school graduate in Calgary lately wrote to a country school board asking the salary they were willing to pay for his services, and received a reply stating that \$1,000 a year was the outside figure.

THE LAUGH LINE

One Reason Sounds Reasonable. Why he will be high: It was too thick to cut. The snow was too deep. It was too heavy to handle. It was too cold to work out of doors. The dealers need the money.

Marriage Like Phoning. She—"In a way, getting married is like using the telephone. He—"How's that?" She—"Well, you don't always get the party you want."

Quite Superfluous. "Now, when the tickets would you like me to put in, sir?" "Don't bother about tickets—I shan't have any use for them when I've paid for the suit!"

Natural Mistake. Hicks—I say, waiter, where's my coffee? Waiter—You just drank it, sir. Hicks—What! I thought that was the soup!

Early Settlement. "If we quarrel like this now, what will we do about our marriage?" "Well, if you think I'm going to run blindly into marriage without finding out who's boss, you're mistaken."

Uncle Zeke's Philosophy. "Yed-day," says Uncle Zeke, "Ah drapped four cents twice the finish, an' dey made a big racket. Et dey had er bin foah dollar bills nobody would 'a' heard 'em drap. People is jes' lak money; dem dat make de most noise an' t' alius of de mos' account."

CANADIAN'S VIEW OF BOLSHEVISM

Member of Fighting Squadron Sent to Russia, Returns and Relates Experiences.

London April 6.—(By Canadian Associated Press)—Morton the noted Toronto lacrosse player who went to South Russia last June with Colonel Raymond Collishaw's squadron is back in London. Morton speaks with keen pleasure of his experiences during his party because he has returned with a charming Russian widow as his wife.

His opinion is that Bolshevism has no possible lasting force even in Russia where the peasantry, he says, is too ignorant even for Bolshevism. Russia is simply in a state of civil

Benny's Note Book

Last night I was reading a book called Fearless Finders, the Fighting Scout, all about a boy that took a cold bath every morning and that it was grate even in winter, and I sed to pop, Pop, wat would you think if I took a cold bath all out of the cold apicket every morning? Id think I was seeing things and the world was coming to an end and it was time to call in the poleose, sed pop. Meaning he didnt think I ever would, and I sed, Well I bleeve I will, pop, the boy in this book did.

war and the common folk side with any army that offers food and clothing. Murton brings good news of others who went with Collishaw, including Harold Edwards of Nova Scotia, Murton last heard of Collishaw some where in the Crimea. The squadron split up soon after leaving England.

WEDDING AT MILLTOWN

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, N. B., April 6.—The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Olive of Milltown was the scene of a very pretty wedding this afternoon when their daughter Bessie Muriel became the bride of James Cliff of Moncton.

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