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It is intimated that the Ontario Government will tax the Loan Trust and Assurance Companies, to make up the deficit caused by the embargo placed on the export of logs to the United States.

THE annual financial statement and estimates for the coming year were laid before the Quebec Legislature on Thursday last. The total receipts of last year were \$4,236,018, and the expenditure amounted to \$4,449,045, leaving a deficit of \$213,030.

ADVICES from Melbourne, Australia intimate that a unanimous agreement has been reached by the Australian Colonial Premiers regarding certain unsettled questions, connected with the Australian Federation Bill.

On Friday last, five ministers of the Dominion Government, Messrs. Fielding, Mills, Blair, Borden and Sifton, left for New York where, it is said, they were to confer with their three colleagues who are negotiating the treaty at Washington.

JOE MARTIN seems to have outdone himself in the role of Grit political agitator in British Columbia. Extreme, bullying character such as he are sure to go too far whenever they are given a free hand.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER, Leader of the Federal Opposition has of late been busily engaged in matters of much importance to the Liberal Conservative Party. He was in Montreal for some days last week, and while there was attending to organization matters preparatory to the next general election campaign.

JUDGMENT in the election trial against Meddie Gallant was delivered by Judge Hodgson, at Alberton yesterday. The Court held Gallant to be guilty of treating by Martin Housler and Trail Reid, his agents, also of treating by Benjamin Gallant, an agent but without the knowledge of Meddie Gallant.

As will be seen by reference to our news columns, the Philippine insurgents under Aguinaldo, have broken out into open rebellion against the United States authorities, and are now at war with the troops of the last named country.

wanted to take Cuba and the Philippines they shouted from the house tops that they were actuated by the highest humane motives; they wished to liberate the natives from the tyranny of Spain.

In another column in this issue we publish the result of the bye-elections for the Legislative Assembly, held in the 4th and 5th districts of Prince County, on Thursday last.

Mr. DesRoches, Conservative, was elected in the Summer-side district by a majority of 65 votes over Campbell, Grit. The vote polled differed very little from the vote of the general election in 1897.

Mr. Bell carried the district by a majority of 245 votes. The total vote polled at the bye election on Thursday was practically the same as that at the general election, when Mr. Bell had a majority of 245; yet on Thursday Mr. Reid was elected by a majority of only 90.

NEW BRUNSWICK is now in the throes of a general election campaign. The Government of that Province has for many years been carried on by a coalition of both political parties.

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The Insular Cabinet at San Juan, Porto Rico, last Saturday tendered its resignation to Governor-General Henry because after dismissing Senator Carbonell General Henry ordered General Eaton to take charge of the department of public works (both these departments belong to the interior department).

The Bye Elections.

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Table with 2 columns: Candidate Name and Votes. Includes Campbell, DesRoches, Reid, McQuarrie, Kensington, Fraserville, North Bedegon, Centreville, Cape Traverse, Tryon, Newton, Traveller's Rest, Kinross, Searletown, and Reid's majority 90.

News from Newfoundland.

The Daily St. John's, Nfld. News, of the 1st, says: Large numbers of seals have been seen off Greenwood. Our old sealers, especially Skipper John Green, says there are more seals on the coast than have been seen for the last twenty years.

Death Dealing Blizzard Rages.

All transcontinental lines of railway leading through Colorado were last week tied up by snow. East bound trains from Salt Lake on the Colorado Midland and Denver and Rio Grande roads were stalled at Glenwood Springs, being unable to proceed further because of the snow on the tracks as far as Eagle Pass, where they were blocked.

The French Shore Question.

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Swindling in Binder Twine.

The London Free Press tells how the farmers are being swindled in the matter of binder twine. It says: "The binder twine made at Kingston Penitentiary between last August and next, is offered by the government for sale by tender."

for instance, which regulates the price to the farmer. Last year the Combine regulated the price of twine at double what it was the previous year, while the central prison factory was kept idle by the man who held the contract under bonds to run it.

The plant did not run, the forfeit was never collected, and the contractor became a member of the American Combine which brought 70 carloads of twine from the United States into Ontario.

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result expected from this movement did not come, for the reason that the twine output of both the Central Prison and penitentiary was delivered over to the same hand, and the only real check upon the American Combine's thimble taken away.

This, says the Halifax Herald, is a fair sample of the grit way of working the orifice. The U. S. Binder Twine Combine subscribed money to help put the grills in power in 1896, just as the Standard Oil Company did.

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