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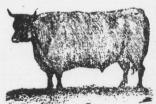
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### THE ESTIMATES BROUGHT DOWN.

A Decrease of a Million

RAINY RIVER R. R. IN THE HOUSE

on the Yukon Bill in the Senate -Whiskey in the Yukon-Callum, Power and

Ottawa, March 29.—When the House ose last night Mr. Fielding laid on the able the estimates for the public service luring the year beginning on July ist lext. The total amount voted for the purpose during the current year was \$45,980,723, of which \$6,698,575 was for capital exponditures chiefly in canal deepning and extension of the Intercolonial. this week, among which are a case of Sailors and Fancy Barid apital expenditures chichy in capital expenditures of the Intercolonial. The total asked for this year is \$44,919,571, or slightly over a million less than last year. The decrease is almost entirely in capital expenditure, the amount estimated to be required out of current revenue being \$39,125,879 for 1898-99, as compared with \$39,282,147 for the year 197,08. We can boast of the most spacious and best lighted Show Rooms in Eastern Ontario, and our styles are beaten by none

The to'al amount for 1808-90 is \$44.912.71, a decrease of \$1.068,152. On consoli-inated fund account the entercase is only 180.000. The chief the entercase is only 180.000. The chief the enter is not the tem is good to the enter is a distance of \$30.000. The enter is a distance of \$500,977.

Among the decreases is one of \$183,460 or \$183,4 ubbic debt, and \$103,000 for positions a few cases only under the head of government, have salaries been indeed, the salaries with the salaries of the salarie shipment of these goods, fringed all round and in all collains. Judge the department by these prices:—44,65°; 6.4, \$1; 84, \$1.85; 810, \$2.25; 812, \$2.75

The superannuation vote is reduced by \$19,000. Millin clothing increased \$60,000; for modern artillery \$231,600 appears.

Canats and had ways.

The canals appropriation is \$4,000,000, a decrease of half a million; \$3000 appears for surveys and inspections of the Crow's Nest Pass Railway and \$40,000 to deron the expense of an exploration survey for a railway from the Commission of the Crow's resulting and \$30,000 to deron Edmonton, and \$30,000 to deron the Commission of the Crow's resulting and the Commission of the Crow's resulting and the Commission of the Crow o

Collowing are On arlo public works votes ving are On art of the control of th rsoll public building, \$5000; Port Col-public building, mansard coff for ver's quarters, \$100; Port Col-building, mansard coff for building, special portage, public special properties of cost by sullty, \$5000. Ottawa—Grounds

Ontario Harbors and Rivers

Miscellaneous Items.

For continuing artesian boring in the Territories, \$3000.

The vote for insanity in the Territories is increased by \$20,000.

An additional inst-class clerk is to be appointed in Toronto testal division, salary \$1500.

In the continuity of the salary street in Miscellaneous Item

RAINY RIVER ROAD. nents to the Bill Rejected by the Touse—The Third Reading

ALL READY FOR BUSINESS! Ottawa, March 29.—From the [opening of the House yesterday afternoon until midnight the House was occupied with the discussion of the Rainy River Railway, bill. Mr. Maclean's proposal to limit the toil for passenger traffic to two cents por mile and to reserve running powers over the line for other railways was the bone of contention and, after experiencing many adventures in the way of rules of order, was finally defeated by a vote of 65 to 16, and the bill passed a third time. The measure is regarded as so important by the Ontario and Western members that the discussion was followed closely all day. At the close of the night's session Mr. Fielding brought down the estimates and announced that the budget speech will likely be delivered on Tuesday next. I wish to inform my many customers that I am now in Furnishings, including Stoves, Furnaces, Sap Pails, Sap Pans, Milk Cans. Syrup Cans of all sizes, Evaporators, Rubber

day next.

Mr. Gillies (Richmond, N.S.) asked the
Premier if a despatch in the newspapers
stating that six Senators at large were to
be appointed to help on the Yukon deal

E. A. PIERCE, Delta Flowers for Easter

Athens, Leeds County, Ontario, Wednesday, Mar. 30, 1898. sion.

Mr. Maclean said, why not, then, allow this bill to stand until Thursday? He would not watt until the end of the session for a bonus bill. He had been jollied enough on railway matters in the House, and he did not propose to be jollied any matter.

Mr. Wood moved that the committee
Mr. Wood moved that the committee
rise and report progress, so that a delay
could take place for a few days to see
what Mr. Greenway was going to do.
Mr. Sutherland pleaded, in the intercets of the capitalists, that the bill be
allowed to pass without change. The opposition to the measure was designed to
destroy the bill. House.

Senator Lougheed spoke against the bill. In his opinion the only way to secure the trade of the Yukon for Canada was the construction of a railway over the Edmonton route, which the Government had attempted to handloap in every possible way.

Senator Dandurand spoke for the bill and Mr. Bellerose against it, after which the Senate adjourned.

lost.

Mr. Maclean then asked leave to withdraw his amendment, so that he could move it on the third reading. This was accordingly passed and the committee

third reading should go over until another day, as several members wanted to speak on the bill.

The vote was taken, with the result that by 80 to 85 it was declared that the bill be read, the third time now. All the Liberal members from the Northwest voted to defer the third reading. Six o'clock had arrived, but the Speaker, be fore leaving the chair, said he did not wish any misunderstanding to exist. He read bill 47 as follows:

"All amendments made in committee shall be reported by the chairman to the in the Yukon by the American lobbylists, who have worked upon the Senate until they have compassed the defeat of the Yukon Railway bill, is becoming more apparent every day. Two old-time residents of the Yukon who have reached the capital within the last few days interviewed yesterday threw a flood of light upon the Livernash mission and its probable results. From the story told by these men it would appear that the Alaska Commercial Company and the North American Transportation Company have the best of reasons for seeking to prevent railroad building into the Yukon, especially from Canadian territory, and that if Mr. Livernash were the agent of these companies he could not do better service than he is now doing. It would appear also that the miners' delegates are flying in the face of opinion on the Klondike in opposing the construction of a railway of

"All amendments made in committees shall be reported by the chairman to the House, which shall receive the same forthwith. After report the bill shall be open to debate and amendment, before it is ordered for a third reading. But when a content without amendment, it is ordered for a third reading. But when a bill is reported without amendment, it is forthwith ordered to be read a third time at such time as may be appointed by the House." The House had now decided what should be done.

After some further discussion, in which Mr. Haggart, Sir Louis Davies and others took part, Col. Hughes moved the third reading of the bill, and to this motion Mr. Maclean spoke at length, concluding by moving in amendment that the Grand Trunk, C.P.R. and other roads be given running powers over the line,

in social-circles arising out or a number of robberies committed at high and fashionable functions promises to give rise to a most interesting libel suit. Almost simultaneously with the announcement that robberies had been committed, the name of a prominent society lady was most freely mentioned as being the guilty party. The report, which in some cases was given credence, was circulated broadcast through the city, with the result that he lady in question, formerly one of the Mr. Blair Answers Mr. Maclean.
Mr. Blair criticized Mr. Maclean for on every possible occasion bringing up the same arguments and demanding the same arguments and demanding the same explanations in regard to the railway question. He had pointed out to Mr. Maclean in committee that his amendment would not bring us one step farther than the law now on the statute book and the amendment added as the fourth clause of the bill. Mr. Maclean was anxious to pose before the country as the only champion of the people's interests in this regard, and Mr. Blair said that that gentleman's conduct was the outcome of pretence. He knew perfectly well that if any questions arose in the House touching excessive rates imposed by any railway company, almost as a unit the members of the House would act not in the interests of the railway companies but of the people of the country at large. The Minister pointed out the entire difference between this proposed line and the Crow's Nest, where the Government had to put themselves on a contract footing with a company which had the right, absolute and uncontrolled, to charge what they liked until their profits exceeded 10 percent, on the money invested. Mr. Maclean's proposal to grant running rights to the Grand Trunk over a line which had not and might never be constructed was characterized as ridiculous. Mr. Blair said that when the road was built, so far as the Government were con-Mr. Blair criticized Mr. Maclean for or om fashionable society, and unju-garded as being guilty of an offence regarded as being guilty of an offence of a most grave and embarrassing nature. It is understood that an action for libel will be instituted against a Montreal paper, which, when referring to the affair, not only stated that the suspected party was the wife of a prominent civil servant of Ottawa, but even went so far as to give the department in which the gentleman was employed, and almost the particular position he occupied. The lady in question emphatically declares her inpecance, and denies the faintest knowlto institute an action for libol against the paper referred to, and developments of a most interesting character may be expected to follow. The Chief of Police here says there is no evidence to accuse the lady in question, who was not even present at some of the social functions when the robberies took place.

The Budget Next Tuesday.
The budget is to be brought down on Tuesday of next week. MORE ELECTION PROTESTS. Four More Filed With Registrar Gran Toronto, March 29.—The election protests continue to come in as they fall due, four more having been filed with Registrar Grant at Osgoode Hall, sesterday. They were: West Kent, East Hamilton, Dufferin and Prince Edward.
George Coleman, painter, is the petitioner against the return of Henry Carscallen, Q.C., in East Hamilton. Mr. Carscallen's majority over James T. Middleton, the Liberal candidate, was 880.

The accuser of William R. Dempsey of Prince Edward is J. D. Gilbert of Picton. Mr. Dempsey, Conservative, had 437 majority over John Caven, the Patron candidate.

In Dufferin, H. H. Walker, agent, claims the seat for the Patron candidate, Mr. Dynes. Dr. Barr, the Conservative member elect, won by a majority of 569.

The fourth petition filed was against the return of T. L. Pardo, Liberal, in West Kent. The petitioner is David Miller of Chatham. Mr. Pardo's majority was 983 over Dr. W. R. Hall.

In all four cases the usual grounds of corruption and illegality are alleged. Thus far the Conservatives have filed 9 protests, the Liberals 8 and the Patrons 2. so far as he was concerned, and he might say so far as the Government were con-cerned, the moment the Grand Trunk asked for running rights over the road they would get them. The reason he had not inserted a clause in the bill to pre-

they would get them. The reason he had not inserted a clause in the bill to prevent the road from falling into the hands of the Canadian Pacific Railway was that he did not know how a clause could be framed that would attain that object. He was as anxious as Mr. Maelean not to have this road fall into the hands of the Canadian Pacific, and was as much averse to that company securing control of this country as anyone, but Mr. Maclean desired to rush into rash legislation without consulting anyone.

The vote on the amendment resulted in its defeat by 56 to 16, those who supported the amendment being: Messrs. Richardson, Wallace, Maclean, Taylor, Marcotte, Monk, Earle, Davin, Cochrane, Hennett, Kaulbach, Guillet, Clarke, Quina, Bell (Addington) and Kloepfer.

The bill was then read a third time and passed, and the House adjourned at a quarter after midnight.

THE SENATE.

Senator Perley Has Something to Sa About Whisky, and Other Senators Talk on the Yukon Bill.

Talk on the Yakon Bill.

Ottawa, March 29.—Hon. David Mills, speaking yesterday, said it was scarcely possible to believe that the Senate will commit the folly of rejecting the railway bill. So high-handed a course is without precedent in the history of the United Kingdom for 100 years. The Government has come down to Parliament with this measure, to enable them to carry on the business of the Administration in the Yakon district. It is eminently a measure. measure, to emails them to carry on the business of the Administration in the Yukon district. It is eminently a measure connected with the exercise of executive authority. Without it it is impossible that executive authority can with any degree of certainty be upheld. In case of defeat, the Government are not called upon to do anything. They have submitted their measure, and if the Senate choose to wrench the authority which it has out of the hands of the Government, the consequences of the ast must abide with them.

Senator Perley said from returns brought down in the Commons it appeared that 11,000 gallons of whiskey had been taken into the Yukon country dup-

looks riore hopeful.

After a Canadian Cruiser.

Halifax, N.S., March 29,—A report is in circulation here, though not apparently well founded, that the United States is anxious to purchase the fast Dominion fishery cruiser Acadia, and is negotiating with the Canadian authorities. The Acadia is a 17-knot steamer, and would make a splendid despatch boat.

Captain Levita of the Royal Artillery left here last night for Washington. Ho is the third British officer to go from the plast ton days. Permier if a despatch in the newspapers stating that six Senators at large were to be appointed to help on the Yukon deal were true.

"I must tell my hon. friend," replied Sir Wilfrid Laurier, "that if my hon. friend believes all he sees in the newspapers I cannot help it."

Rainy Biver Railway Bill.

After a preliminary discussion, the moton of Mr. Henderson to refer the Rainy River Railway bill to committee of the whole, carried.

In the fourth clause defining the power of Parliamens as to future legislation. Mr. Lariviere objected to Mr. Maclean's proposal to grant running rights over this railway to all other roads. The people of the Northwest wanted to see this line built.

Mr. Oliver declared that this was the last chance for Manitoba and the Northwest to secure relief from railway monopoly.

Mr. Jamieson thought this question should be dealt with under the subsidy bill, and not by great measure. He re-

## THE PRESIDENT Spain Will Deal With the Reports

BECOMING APPARENT.

opposing the construction of a railway any sort and upon any terms.

March 29.—The full extent of

as Honor Dictates.

SPAIN HAS NOW GROWN DEFIANT

Limit of Concession Compa Be Difficult From This

Washington, March 29.—The gall and corridors of the House were cro-yesterday when the report of the M Court of Inquiry was handed in.

Message From the Preside Message From the Positions The report of the Court of Inquiry was accompanied by a message from President McKinley, addressed to Congress. The message concludes as follows: "I have directed that the findings of the the Government of Her Majesty the Queen Regent and I do not permit myself to doubt that the sense of justice of the Spanish nation will dictate a course of action suggested by honor and the friendly relations of the two Governments. "It will be the duty of the executive to advise the Congress of the result, and in the meantime deliberate consideration is invoked. (Signed), William McKinley."

Both Referred.

Both in the House and Senate the reort of the Maine Court of Inquiry and

THE NEGOTIATIONS.

Succinet Statement of their Real Cours

the past week, on Wednesday, United States Minister Woodford had an official interview with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Colonies, Senora Gullon and Moret, at the private residence of the former. It lasted two hours. General Woodford left with them an official note, where and intentions.

Woodford left with them an official note, explaining fully the views and intentions of the American Govrnment.

"In this document no commentary intimation was made nor any date fixed, but it was clearly and finally stated that the United States Government could not longer withhold from Congress the correspondence and Consular reports, which not only put in full light the condition of the distressed rural population of Cuba, the inadequate relief and the persistence of the disaffection, but also showed that the new colonial policy and other efforts of Spain had not produced the results that would justify holding out the prospect of early pacification.

"Consequently the American note lays stress upon the fact that contingencies

stress upon the fact that contingencies are now fast approaching for the action which was foreshadowed in Presidentia

ments and the Maine report to Congress, and sending relief officially to the dis-

ent, "General Woodford had by appointment another official interview with Senor Gullon, in which he received the official reply of the Spanish Government to the American memorandum of March 23. The Spanish reply, couched in firm language, says that the Spanish Government contains a support of the American Government has drawn from inaccurate information that does not tally with the recent activity and progress of the military operations in Cuba, and the visible popularity and progress of the new colonial institutions which have been loyally accepted and are supported by even the old adversaries of home rule in the colony.

"Spain," the reply continues, 'cannot naturally admit the interference which is foreshadowed in the American note, and deprecates the sending of official relief and war vessels to Cuba as being the very elements that have retarded the pacification of the colony. Spain reminds the American Government of all the concessions she has made to preserve peaceful relations and to conciliate the United States, the last proof being her willing presents supports the confidence of the colony.

Mediation Will Be Difficult Mediation Will Be Difficult.
Madrid, March 29.—The Imparcial and
the Liberal to-day agree in saying that
the mediation of the European powers
will be difficult, in view of the crisis in
the far East, adding: "Anyway, Spain is
able herself to resont insuits and repudiate unjust pretensions."

London, March 29.—The St. James' Gazette, commenting yesterday afternoon on the report of the United States Naval Court of Inquiry into the loss of the battleship Maine, says: "There can be no doubt Spain owes reparation to the American Government, to say nothing of the most humble apologies and the most oxtreme considerations for the feelings of the nation which has lost a fine cruiser, lying in peace in a presumably friendly the nation which has lost a fine cruiser, lying in peace in a presumably friendly harbor. The outlook is as threatening as could be, but Spain is in the wrong, and it is for Spain to walk warily."

Arrested for Stealing Cattle.

Brantford, March 29.—Jack Bartram, who figured in the Ancaster Hyslop murder case, has been arrested and taken to Cayuga to answer a charge of cattle stealing.

Impure Blood In Spring.

Essex to Have a New Town Hall.

An Old Lake Captain Dead.

An Old Lake Captain Beata.
Chatham, March 29.—Captain Bernard
King died here after a few days' illness
of pneumonia. Deceased was born in Ireland in 1816, and came to Canada in the
early twenties. He resided in St. Catharines for over half a century and has followed the lakes since 1837.

Dr. Jessop's Condition Improves

the past ten days.

St. Catharines, March 29.—Dr. Jessop ested comfortably yesterday and his case

ence. Diminished perspiration during winter, rich foods and close confine winter, rich toots and close contine ment indoors are some of the causes. A good Spring Medicine, like Hood's Sarsaparilla, is abcolutely necessary to purify the blood and put the system in a healthy condition at this season. Hood's Hills are the best family cathartic and liver tonic. Gentle reathartic and liver tonic. Gentle, reNEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

ondensed Summary of News Received by Telegraph—An Interesting Budget From All Over.

Fanny Davenport, the actress, is dying lieu. France.

Sir John Arnott, baronet, proprietor of the Irish Times, died in London,