

BUDGET SPEECH

There Will Be No Tariff Changes This Year.

Increasing the Debt By Almost Two Millions in Spite of the Surplus.

Mr. Fielding Warns the Country That Present Prosperity Cannot Continue—Removing Restrictions on the Importation of Oil.

OTTAWA, May 2.—The budget statement of this year was not awaited with intense interest, as no one expected any disclosures or tariff changes of importance. The house was fairly well filled and the front seats in the gallery were occupied when the finance minister took the floor. Applause from the ministerial benches.

In opening his speech, Hon. Mr. Fielding said he was called upon to review the most prosperous period yet seen in the history of Canada. General activity of business the world over had to be acknowledged, but the tariff policy adopted by this government was a contributing cause to this prosperity. After reviewing the finances of the year which closed last June, the details of which were printed long ago in the blue books, the finance minister took up the record of the current year, ending June, 1899.

The revenue for ten months of the year now expiring is \$37,233,000, or \$5,077,000 more than last year. Allowing a proportionate increase over the last two months of last year, the revenue for the year will be \$46,632,000. The expenditure for ten months was \$2,483,000 more than last year. Allowing for a proportionate increase, the current outlay for the year would be \$42,028,000, leaving a surplus of \$4,604,000. (Long continued government cheers.)

In addition to this current expenditure there has been a capital expenditure of \$1,163,000, and \$1,500,000 more would be required before the end of June, making the total capital expenditure \$2,663,000. Notwithstanding the surplus there would be a net addition of \$1,700,000 to the debt, after allowing for increased sinking fund assets. (Continued opposition laughter.)

The finance minister said that Canadian three per cents are now selling at 102 to 104, and 2-1/2 per cents at 91 and 92. Passing to the fiscal year beginning next July, Hon. Mr. Fielding stated that the estimated increase in the revenue for this year was \$523,000, and it was expected that the revenue would be as large as this year. The government had floated no loans this year, but had on two occasions discounted treasury notes of half a million pounds sterling. Interest was paid at 2-1/2 per cent.

Speaking of the Yukon finances, Mr. Fielding explained that last year that district cost about \$700,000, and yielded to the revenue about double that much. During ten months of this year, the Yukon cost \$1,146,000, and had yielded \$725,000. The finance minister expects that there will be no deficit by the time the year is out, as the royalties on last winter's operations will then be collected.

Mr. Fielding then went on to defend the increased and growing expenditure of the present administration. He argued that if the late government had remained in power the expenditure would have been much larger than it had been in previous years, and perhaps larger than the amount spent by this ministry. The finance minister went into elaborate calculations to show that Mr. Foster would probably have spent this year if he were in power. He figured this out to about \$900,000 more than the amount actually expended.

Having explained away the increase of expenditure, Mr. Fielding told how hard it was to curtail the money in view of the strong demand for local appropriations. Taking up the trade of Canada, Mr. Fielding showed an increase of exports and imports during the last few years. He stated that the growth of commerce has been six million dollars in two years, which was nine millions more than the total increase for the previous eighteen years. The mineral production had doubled since 1883, and increased 33 per cent last year. The comparison was carried into savings bank deposits, note circulation, insurance, record of failures, clearing house returns, railways and street railways.

Passing on to the discussion of the operation of preferential trade, Mr. Fielding stated that he hoped to find some increase in the West India trade, by virtue of the concessions made to the British islands. He remarked, however, that the concession made by the United States to cane sugar as against beet sugar was equal to that made by Canada. Mr. Fielding's outlook on the West India trade was not generally hopeful. He was glad to be able to say that by recent United States regulations British and foreign ships would be allowed to trade between Porto Rico and the United States.

The finance minister affirmed that the national policy had not been continued. He read lists of articles placed on the free list formerly dutiable and those on which duty had been reduced.

After dinner, Mr. Fielding resumed the defence of his tariff, making a calculation to show that the average rate of duty was 19 to 27 per cent. The reduction was equal to one-ninth of the national policy, and this fact the minister said "would silence forever the charge that the national policy remains in force." It was true that our imports from Great Britain

had not increased, but Mr. Fielding explained that one reason was that British manufacturers were so busy and prosperous that they did not take the trouble to exploit new markets. But the situation would have been worse if the tariff restrictions had been taken place and if the preference had been withheld. As to the question of a return preference by Great Britain for Canadian goods, Mr. Fielding would not set his face against such a policy. He could see great advantage in it. It might come about, but when it did the change would be in consequence of the first step taken two years ago by this government. If there was no preference on the British statute book, such preference for Canada now existed in the hearts of the British people.

Mr. Fielding proceeded at nine o'clock to the statement that he had no tariff changes to propose, not even in the oil duty. As to oil he, however, proposed to abolish all restrictions on the manufacture of kerosene except those necessary for safety. Dealers would be allowed to import in tank cars, steel vessels, barrels or tin cans. Inspection fees would be abolished, but steps would be taken to impose penalties for the sale of oil that was not up to the standard, and beyond that no trouble would be given. "We do not propose to change or reduce the tariff," said Mr. Fielding. "I admit that it is not perfect, but there are reasons why it should not be disturbed." The first reason was that tariff stability was necessary to keep business steady. Secondly, it was only nine months ago that the full trade preference had come into force, and therefore the tariff conditions were comparatively new. Third, it was not advisable to make tariff changes while negotiations with the United States were in progress.

Speaking of these negotiations, Mr. Fielding said Canadians were not as anxious for reciprocity as they were two years ago. Freer trade relations would always be desirable, but Canadians were never so well able as now to do without protection. If they failed, Canada will go on her present course with firmness and self-reliance. The general feeling was that Canada would have a fair treaty or none at all.

In conclusion, the finance minister uttered a note of warning. This was a time of great prosperity, but the pendulum might swing the other way. Not every year was a finance minister able to make such a showing as he had made today. We could not always have good crops and good prices. If people would take a word of advice, they would not clap on too much sail, so that when the check came they would be able to maintain Canada's position as the greatest colony of the greatest empire in the world.

Mr. Fielding closed at 9:30, having spoken three and a half hours. Mr. Foster moved the adjournment of the debate.

The Hotel Windsor at Dorchester, which was sold at auction last week, was bid in by Elkin Cochran of Pettit-codiac for \$8,000. The property cost the Hotel Co., Ltd., \$19,000.

Stolen Kisses.—Young men do not try to steal kisses from girls opened their eyes and saw a lowly, sickly, there is a book containing a thousand pages and over three hundred illustrations of a young woman and every mother of young daughters should read it in plain, every day language that anyone can understand, many vital truths that every maid, wife and mother should know. It tells the untold suffering and agony that women endure who enter upon the important duties of wifehood and motherhood without seeing to it that they are strong and well in a womanly way.

It tells about a wonderful medicine for women. A medicine that fits for wifehood and motherhood. A marvelous medicine that gives strength, vigor, vitality and elasticity to the delicate and important female organs that bear the brunt of maternity. It contains the names, addresses and photographs of many hundreds of women who were weak, sickly, nervous, fretful, and whose lives were made happy, through the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. That book is Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Advice. It is used to cost \$1.50, now it is free. Send 31 one-cent stamps, to cover customs and mailing only, for a paper-covered copy. Fine French cloth binding, 50 stamps. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y.

During the fall and winter of 1894 I was engaged in teaching at Public School No. 35, in South Co. near Tyler, Texas. I writes Mr. J. F. Sneed of Omen, Texas. "During this time my wife was badly afflicted with female weakness. We tried three of the best physicians in the county without benefit to my wife's health, but great expense. My wife grew worse and we gave up in despair. She could not get in and out of doors without help. She was not able to stand her feet long at a time and complained of dragging down pains in the abdomen. I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and in two months was completely cured, at a cost of less than one month's treatment by the last physician we employed before consulting Dr. Pierce."

PROVINCIAL NEWS

SACKVILLE, April 29.—A most successful violin recital was given in Sackville on Friday evening, that of Miss Dorothea Webb, who has just completed the post graduate course, having taken her first diploma two years ago. While always a pleasing performer Miss Webb shows striking improvement in this time. Her technique has broadened noticeably under Prof. Ottokar's able instruction. Her tones are pure and full and the double stopping was managed with no little skill. The programme was brief, but the selections of a high standard were all well rendered. The most noticeable were the numbers from Liszt's "Les Preludes" and the "Marche des Cloches," both of which she played with a first number, part of a Bach sonata, was a heavy piece for a young performer, particularly as it was given without an accompaniment. All the selections were played without notes.

The three songs charmingly rendered by Miss Webb, her selection from Il Trovatore being especially acceptable. Miss Florence Webb added no little to the success of the evening with her artistic accompaniments. The young ladies were all prettily gowned in white with white roses and blue ribbons. The recital was held on the platform that was banked with flowers and ferns. Miss Webb has been on the musical staff as assistant violin teacher the last two years. At the close of her first number she was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by the faculty of the ladies' college.

The graduating piano recitals of Miss Smallwood, Miss Palmer and Miss Cole are to take place shortly. **FREDERICTON, April 30.**—At a meeting of the Alumni society, held yesterday afternoon, Dr. Parkin of Toronto was invited to deliver the annual oration on episcopal day, Thursday, June 1st. It was decided to hold a reception and promenade concert in the evening, and a committee was appointed to make arrangements for the affair consisting of J. D. Hasen, M. P. P., Dr. Bailey, Mr. Davidson, O. S. Crockett, Eldon Mullins, H. V. B. Bridges and J. W. McCready.

The Bank of Nova Scotia will open for business in their offices in the Pitts' building on York street tomorrow. The new fixtures for the bank have not arrived yet, and the officers will be considerably handicapped in their work for a time. The premises are very commodious and pleasant and will, when completed, present a very handsome appearance.

David M. Lawson of Lawson, near English Settlement, has sold his farm to Allan Thomson, a sale of farming implements, etc., will take place on Friday afternoon.

LEPREAUX, April 28.—Mrs. W. J. Dean of Musquash spent Sunday here with her friends. Mrs. Neill Reynolds returned home from the city after a delightful visit of a month. Dr. Reynolds returned Saturday.

BENTON, Carleton Co., April 29.—The funeral of the late John McInnis, aged 39 years, who died after a few days' illness of appendicitis at South Garden, Maine, and whose remains arrived here by train on Tuesday, took place the following day from the residence of his adopted father, Henry Boyle. The services were conducted by Rev. Father Carney in the Roman Catholic church here, after which the remains were taken to the Catholic cemetery at Debec. Deceased leaves a young wife and three children.

A very pretty wedding, and one in which much interest was taken, was celebrated at Oak Mountain at two o'clock Wednesday p. m. at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerr, when Miss Margaret Kerr was united to Abraham Horton of Marysville. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Fowler, pastor of the Presbyterian congregation. Mrs. Horton was the recipient of many valuable gifts from her many friends. The happy couple left on six o'clock express amid showers of rice and good wishes for their future home in Marysville.

C. A. Lewin, who lumbers on Pocomogum stream during the winter, is now driving the logs.

The platform in the interior of the Baptist church, which is now being completed, adds much to the appearance of the church, covered as it is with a handsome new carpet. The case in Houlton court last week of J. H. McCue, who sued the C. E. R. Co. for damages of \$10,000 on account of his son James McCue's death, caused by his slipping on the platform, called several witnesses from here to spend part of the week in Houlton. They have returned, the result being a nonsuit.

HOPEWELL HILL, Albert Co., April 27.—For making a disturbance in a Salvation Army meeting, Otto V. and Robert Kerr, who were arrested and Albert Christopher, Hopewell Cape, were taken before the police magistrate yesterday by Detective E. E. Peck at the instance of the lay and order league, and fined \$2 apiece. The boys were also held under their own recognizance of \$50 each to keep the peace in the future.

Robert McGorman, who has been ill for several months, continues in a very unsatisfactory condition. His medical attendants, Dr. S. C. Murray of Albert and Dr. J. T. Lewis of Hillsboro, held a consultation today.

David Oliver is quite seriously ill at Harvey. Dr. Murray is in attendance. Allen Fullerton, who learned telegraphing and station business at the Albert station, has been given a position as operator at Moncton.

Rev. A. H. Foster of Pictou, N. S., who has been in charge of the Riverside Presbyterian church for the past few years, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday, to a large congregation. Mr. Foster was most highly esteemed by his parishioners and friends, and his departure is a very great regret.

This spring, which adds greatly to the beauty of the place. Nearly every day a number of young people leave by train here for the States. The rail road is very successful in overcoming that evil. Farmers have done out very little work yet, as being about two weeks late than common.

SOUTHAMPTON, York Co., April 26.—Chapman Phillips will have a new boat for his wife ferry this year. A. Wright is the builder. Mr. Akerly is getting his ferry in readiness for the season's business, and Mr. Way is having his boat thoroughly overhauled and repaired before putting it in the water.

John Turner probably has the honor of being the first to commence rafting operations this year. He would have sent some hemlock forward today, but wood was received last night that they are not ready to take charge of lumber at Spring Hill.

Death has again visited our community, and this time it has been the one of our oldest residents, is dead. He had been ill for the greater part of the winter.

The special services in the Reformed Baptist church were discontinued on Monday night, Rev. G. B. Donaldson, who has been in charge of the church, is dead. He had been ill for the greater part of the winter.

Chas. Dunham lost a quantity of spruce logs yesterday. The bank upon which they were brooded caved in during the night of Tuesday morning. The logs were rolled into the river, and the water was raised rapidly and is now higher than at any time since the big freshet of 1887. Report from up river state that there is still a large amount of snow in the woods, and if the spring rains are at all heavy a freshet similar to that of '87 may be expected.

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SUSSEX, N. B., May 2.—The funeral of John Doherty, who died at his home in Waterford on Sunday took place this forenoon. A large number of persons followed his remains to the Catholic cemetery on Ward's Creek, where they were laid away in the family plot. Services were conducted in the new Catholic church by Rev. Father Savage, P. P. In the death of John Doherty, Waterford loses one of its best known and most respected inhabitants. He was a native of a sorrowing wife, seven sons and one daughter, namely, John, who resides in Sussex and keeps a restaurant; William, who keeps a grocery at upper corner; James, a farmer residing at Upper Doherty, who lives in Chatham, and carries on lumbering; Patrick Doherty, the well known proprietor of the Queen hotel, Sussex; Nathaniel, proprietor of the Revere house, Pictou, N. S.; and Hugh Francis, who resides on the homestead.

The daughter, Sarah Ann, is the wife of James Walsh and resides with her husband in Boston. Four of the sons acted as pall-bearers. The deceased was in the eightieth year of his age. He was born in County Londonderry, Ireland, in the year 1819. He landed in St. John in 1834, and he worked with the late Dr. Allen for about two years. He then went to Sussex and learned the blacksmith trade with Wm. Smith, a trade he followed with success until a few years ago. In early years he worked under the greatest difficulties, bringing iron from St. John, a distance of sixty miles, and his coal from Grand Lake, a distance of about 80 miles, and that before the times of railways. In religion he was a staunch Roman Catholic. In politics a sound liberal conservative, and was much respected by all classes of people for his fair and upright dealings. In his old age he was much respected by the members of the congregation for his noble services, and wishes to return thanks to the subscribers for their kindness.

Murray Starkey, farmer of Starkey, is having his large and extensive barns shingled this season, and also adding a large new kitchen to the end. The water in the Washadmoak Lake is now very high, and present indications are that it will be higher than last year. Coun. J. Leonard has now finished the driving of his logs. It is feared some of the logs may be hung up, owing to the scarcity of water in some of the brooks.

COON HILL, Kings Co., April 19.—On Monday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Keith celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marriage. They were the recipients of many useful and pleasant presents from a number of relatives and friends.

George Holmes trapped a wild goose this spring. Its wings measured five feet seven inches from tip to tip. Jennie Chapman one day last week was crossing the bridge over the mill race. While the boat was running at full speed she stumbled and fell, breaking her neck. Miss Chapman was thrown over twenty feet and was quite badly hurt.

John E. Keith lost a valuable young horse recently. The horse was being driven to the college. Frank F. Dunfield of Bates' college has been home visiting friends. He left yesterday for Campbell Island to take charge of the Free Baptist church there.

"Some of our young men still continue to go to Uncle Sam's domain. A few years ago our young men were so numerous that they had to go on account of bad government. What is the cause now?"

DORCHESTER, N. B., May 2.—Hon. Judge Landry presided at the May circuit of the supreme court, which opened here today at 10 o'clock. Only one case was brought before the court—the Queen v. Thomas Donley, for assault. A true bill being returned by the grand jury, the trial proceeded. A. J. Chapman for prosecution; Harvey Atkinson for the defence. Donley is charged with having on April 22nd, while Marshal Tinney and Officer Scott of the Moncton police force were endeavoring to arrest a brother of Donley attempted to interfere with the officers in the discharge of their duty, and with striking the marshal with a hammer, causing considerable injury. When the court arose at six o'clock, the crown case was concluded. Stenographer Risteen is in attendance. The investigation into the affairs of the maritime penitentiary, as far as Warden Foster is concerned, which has been proceeding for nearly five months, at last shows signs of terminating. The evidence on the prosecution being all in today.

FREDERICTON, May 2.—The May sitting of the York equity court opened this morning, Judge Barker presiding. The following common motion were made: John Macpherson, appellant, and Parker Glastier et al, respondents—C. E. Duffy moves for review of taxation; P. St. J. Bliss, contra. Court considers.

deftand plaintiff's judgment creditors. C. E. Duffy for plaintiffs; Gregory for defendants.

S. A. R. McDonald, for many years a clerk in G. C. Hunt's drug store in this city, has entered into partnership with Mr. Hunt, with the firm name of Hunt & McDonald. Mr. McDonald's many friends will be glad to learn of his success in his chosen business.

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Joy and Smiles in place of sighs on wash day. Surprise, a pure hard soap with a quick lather, peculiar qualities for cleaning, makes easy work of wash day. Follow the directions on the wrapper for finest results. SURPRISE is the name. GOSWELL'S CARE.

SUPREME COURT.

The Queen Versus Ship Troop Now Being Heard.

OTTAWA, May 2.—The supreme court opened for the May session today. Judge Sedgwick was absent through illness.

The Commercial Union Assurance Co. v. Margeson and Miller, the Queen v. Nova Scotia, was first heard. Drysdale, Q. C. for the appellant company, and Borden, Q. C. for the respondents.—Judgment reserved.

The Guardian Assurance Co. v. Margeson was settled out of court. A New Brunswick appeal, the Queen v. the sailing ship Troop, grew out of an action brought in the St. John police court to recover expenses paid by the Imperial Board of Trade at Hong Kong for the maintenance of distressed seamen from the ship Troop. The police court judgment was quashed and an appeal from the latter judgment is now being heard. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice, for the crown; Palmer, Q. C. for the respondent company.

CORBETT IN COURT. NEW YORK, May 2.—Jas. J. Corbett, the pugilist, appeared today in court as defendant in a suit brought by Orlando Battaglia to recover \$2,000 damages for an alleged assault. The difficulty occurred on Jan. 3, 1887, when Corbett was starting with the play "The Naval Cadet." Battaglia was a member of the company. He says that Corbett struck him a violent blow on the side and that three of his ribs were fractured. The jury rendered a verdict in favor of Corbett.

DROWNING ACCIDENT. A very sad drowning accident happened Monday morning at Gloucester landing while the May Queen was passing. Reuben Cameron, about 25 years old, who had ferried passengers and freight to and from the river boats for a number of years, was coming out as usual to meet the steamer when his boat was upset, either by the wash of the steamer or by some accident on the river steamer. He was drowned in full sight of those on the May Queen before any assistance could reach him. News of the catastrophe was brought to the city late in the evening. Mr. Cameron was very well known in the north end of the city, and was in his younger days employed on the river steamer. He has been a resident of Gloucester for a long time. His wife died last fall and none of his children are living. He was an uncle of Charles Higgins, Indian town, and a connection of Moses Cowan.

A CREDIT TO KINGS CO. Says the Montreal Star: "Caswell Heine, a nephew of the Rev. G. C. Heine, and a recent graduate of McGill university, and winner of the Shakespeare gold medal, has just returned to his studies in Scotland, has just passed his second examination, an Oxford and Cambridge graduate coming out equal and Mr. Heine is at the point of departure for Switzerland and Italy."

The young man referred to is a grandson of Henry Heine of Norton, Kings Co., and a relative of Hon. Geo. E. Foster.

MISSING MONEY LETTER. Interesting developments are expected to take place in a few days concerning a certain matter which is about to be investigated. The facts are as follows:

A well known lady of Whitehead some four months ago registered a letter, containing \$2, at the post office in Whitehead, addressed to I. E. Shaffner & Co., this city. At the time of mailing it she got a receipt for the letter and thought nothing more about it until about a month after, when she received an account from the firm, and thereupon wrote them she had satisfied the claim by a previous letter. To her astonishment, they informed her that they had never received it.

Then the enquiry began. She has her receipt for the letter, and naturally wondered at the money not arriving at its destination in due course. She interviewed the postmaster at Guyboro about the matter, and he stated that everything had been forwarded. Next she wrote to the inspector at Halifax, and then to the department at Ottawa, but no trace of the missing money was to be found.

Yesterday the lady interviewed the attorney general about the matter and he promised to order an investigation.—Halifax Herald.

In view of the difficulty of tracing a letter in the post office department and obtaining restitution, would it not be advisable to use the express companies for transmission of money?

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

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