

The Quebec Tercentenary.



View of Quebec from Indian Cove, 1632.



Landscape and fortification in 1632.

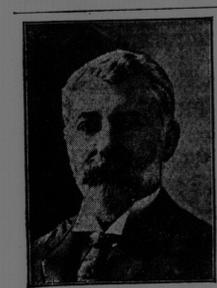
CANADA'S SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR \$19,413,054

Half a Million More Than Mr. Fielding Estimated. All Expenditures Except G. I. P. Paid Out of Revenue.

Total Revenue for the Year Was Over \$96,000,000.

Revenue for Year Shows a Falling Off Due to a Temporary Depression of Trade.

OTTAWA, July 24.—The finance department has handed out a final statement of the revenues and expenditures for the last fiscal year ending March 31. The total revenue was \$96,000,000, and the total expenditure on consolidated funds account was \$76,586,946. The surplus of revenue over ordinary expenditures is therefore \$19,413,054, or nearly \$20,000,000 more than was estimated by Hon. W. S. Fielding in his budget speech last March.



HON. W. S. FIELDING.

Canada paid out of revenue last year all the ordinary expenses of government and all expenditures on capital account, other than on the National Transcontinental, and even on this about \$4,000,000 was applied from revenue. The net debt at the close of the fiscal year was \$27,260,252.

ATTEMPT TO SAVE THE WALTZ. BERLIN, July 22.—The First International Dance Congress opened here today with delegates from seventeen countries present. One of the most important objects of the congress is to prevent the disappearance of the waltz, which it is declared is threatened with extinction.

WITTE AND RUSSIA.

Believed That Country's Former Idol Will Be Recalled.

Witte Not Enamored of Constitutionalism, But Says It is Needed.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 15.—The man who but a short while ago was the idol of the Russian masses, hailed as the hero of peace, and the savior of blood and tear stained Russia, the man who is more than any other responsible for the change that has come over Russia, for the so-called Constitution and the Duma—Count Sergius Witte—is not only no longer at the helm of the Russian government, but as his attitude toward the Amur Railroad question has shown, he stands almost alone even in the Council of the Empire.

Count Witte at his home on the Kamennostrovsky Prospect. His large study, furnished with carved, massive furniture, holds a collection of paintings and engravings of the rulers of Europe. A fine print of President Roosevelt occupies a conspicuous position on the wall in front of his desk. Above Mr. Roosevelt's picture is an etching of Lord Salisbury. On the left side, and the wall in front of his desk is almost entirely covered with the Count's ancestors. His huge desk was heaped with various books, and before him lay a copy of the speeches delivered at the Imperial Council on the Amur Railroad question.

Count Witte has aged considerably since his visit to America, and at first sight he gives the impression of a very old man. But as he speaks his eyes brighten up, the presence of a master mind is felt, and only at times when he spoke of death a note of hopelessness was faintly heard; showing the ephemeral nature of human greatness and power.

My first question was about the Duma.

BEST DUMA YET. "The third Duma is the best we have had thus far," answered Count Witte slowly. "It is perhaps not intelligent enough, not sufficiently experienced, but it is better to have a Duma like this than to have no Duma at all."

AGAINST CONSTITUTION. "That is quite true, I am responsible for it," answered Count Witte. "This is a matter for the future historian. But let me explain to you what prompted me to decide that such a step was the only adequate one. Personally, I am opposed to such parliaments and constitutions. I do not like

all this talk—these disputes, these discussions these arguments. I am not a specialist in this line. Perhaps it is because I am a little too old, but I cannot adapt myself to the taste of the reading public. To me the younger Russian writers appear like order-while-you-wait which the public likes. These young men are suffering from the disease of the day, I am speaking of such writers as Gorky and Andreyev. Of course, Tolstoy is the greatest artist in the world, but his philosophy is absolutely childish. We read his native treatises on economic questions with interest, but everything he writes. Our younger writers are going through a period of decadence.

"How do you account for the decline in Russian literature during the past few years?" I asked.

"How would you account, for instance, for the fact that the crops in France are sometimes good and sometimes poor? How would you account for the fact that we have Napoleon now? If we must account for it, we must account for it in Russian literature, even as the decline of the literature of other countries—for this decade has of late become the characteristic feature of almost all European literature—is due to the fact of technical development and growth. In my younger days perhaps 800 of every 1,000 men were engaged in the mechanical arts. Nowadays it is quite different. I have just been playing with my mechanical devices. I can remember when I was a child in Caucasia—the emotion I experienced when I saw the first steam engine ever erected there."

"A flash of youthful brightness lit his face for a while."

"No," he said after a pause; "you can't account for the decline of our literature even by the fact of our count for the future of crops, even as we do not know why we have no Napoleon, no Washington now."

FUTURE OF RUSSIA.

"What of the future of Russia? Do you think that the present situation will remain unchanged for some time, that there will be no fresh outbreaks?"

"Russia was great and powerful, but I think that in time it will be greater than it ever was. A country that is recovering from such a horrible, disastrous, stupid, criminal war as we had in a country with a future. There will, of course, be outbreaks from time to time. At times the waves of discontent will rise mountain high, and then they will sink again. For some time to come there will be a periodic rising and falling of the waves. And this indicates life. A smooth surface would be a sign of death. I cannot say definitely how soon this bright era will commence. Nor can I say that it will be during the war. Perhaps in fifteen years. Perhaps in five years. Perhaps even still sooner."

FREDERICKTON GIRL WINS GOOD PRIZE.

In One of the New York Life's Popular Contests.

FREDERICKTON, N. B., July 24.—Miss Mary M. Thompson of this city is being warmly congratulated as winner of first prize in one of the New York Life's well known contests. The week's life in making the announcement says five contests which opened in March last brought thousands upon thousands of answers and the judges unanimously decided in favor of Miss Thompson of Fredericton. The winner of the prize is a sister of Mrs. A. Blair.

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NASIS RELEASED AND SICILY'S GLAD.

Conficted Ex-Minister Permitted to Undergo Imprisonment in His Own House.

ROME, July 24.—Signor Nunzio Nasi, the ex-minister of public instruction, who since his condemnation by the Senate for gross misappropriation of public funds had been allowed, on the score of delicate health, to undergo his imprisonment in his own residence in Rome, has been liberated. This form of imprisonment has provided a veritable martyrdom to the guards of carabinieri selected to watch over the ex-minister, as well as to the distinguished families residing in the same block of flats. Besides the guards on the staircase, two more in the courtyard below and a double patrol on the public path fronting the residence. Surveys inspections frequently took place by day and by night, to ascertain whether the police regulations were strictly observed. Sometimes the solitary guard on the stairs was found to have fallen asleep in discharging his monotonous duty, and was given a day's confinement on bread and water.

RUSSIAN LITERATURE.

Speaking of Russian Literature, Count Witte said: "I am not a specialist in this line. Perhaps it is because I am a little too old, but I cannot adapt myself to the taste of the reading public. To me the younger Russian writers appear like order-while-you-wait which the public likes. These young men are suffering from the disease of the day, I am speaking of such writers as Gorky and Andreyev. Of course, Tolstoy is the greatest artist in the world, but his philosophy is absolutely childish. We read his native treatises on economic questions with interest, but everything he writes. Our younger writers are going through a period of decadence."

BY CLEVER TRICK BRIGANDS MAKE HAUL.

Guests at Baron's Dancing Party Held Up and Robbed by Bogus Carabineers.

ROME, July 24.—Baron Remondini was giving a banquet to his friends at Brindisi Castle, in the San Vito Norman district, on the night of the week, when a gentleman dressed in hunting costume, appeared at the house and stated that he was tired and hungry. The baron straightway asked him to join the hunt. He had later all present took part in a small dance. Suddenly six mounted carabinieri, headed by a sergeant, appeared, and, without ceremony, calling the baron aside, said that he knew that the famous brigand, Suma, the terror of the San Vito district, was within, and, pointing out the strange guest, declared him to be the notorious brigand. The baron, thankful at escaping danger, asked the carabinieri to stay and have supper and then join the dance, which they did. In the middle of the proceedings, however, the carabinieri suddenly drew revolvers and threatened all present with death unless they at once delivered up all their money and jewelry. There present eventually yielded up about \$20,000 worth of valuables.

CRESCENTS WON FROM MARATHONS.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 24.—Five hundred persons saw the Crescents defeat the St. John Marathons on the Wanderers' grounds this afternoon by a score of 23 to 4.

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HEAD OF RAILWAY

WORKERS IN TOWN. Robert P. Neil Will Address Big Mass Meeting Tomorrow.

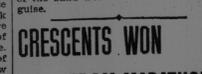
Robert P. Neil, the international grand president of the Brotherhood of Railway Employees, arrived in the city yesterday. He will hold a mass meeting for railroad men, union and non-union, in the Foresters' Hall, Charlotte street, at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. At this meeting J. W. Clark of Montreal, first vice, will speak. The meeting will be principally on matters connected with the Brotherhood. While in Canada, Mr. Neil will adjust all local schedules in Montreal, which will be his headquarters. He expects to be in the provinces about six weeks.

Mr. Neil, who is accompanied by his wife, will visit the places of interest about the city today.

It will be remembered that an article appeared in this paper a short time ago in which Mr. Neil denied the formation of a rival brotherhood. He will fully explain the tactics of former members of the brotherhood. When seen last evening, Mr. Neil declined to discuss matters relating to the brotherhood.

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