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Our Financial Condition.

PREMIER FARQUHARSON delivered his budget speech on Monday evening last. It certainly was a "budget," an accumulation of all sorts, rather than an exposition of the Province's financial condition. The discussion of financial affairs occupied but a fraction of the two hours and twenty minutes which he occupied in his address. His speech might more properly be described as a hedge-podge than anything else. It was as great a jumble of figures, bad English and political temerity as could very well be squeezed into the same space of time. Early in his remarks he took occasion to find fault with the Opposition press. The tremor of his joints and the quaver of his voice in this connection showed the intensity of his feelings. The Opposition press had given a truthful portrayal of the proceedings in the Legislature during the first days of the session, and this evidently did not suit the Premier; hence his wrath. No doubt he would wish to abolish the liberty of the press—to suppress free speech, except his own; this would probably be in accordance with his ideas of government. A great part of his speech was devoted to Mr. Wise's resignation. His statements were intended to convey the idea that Mr. Wise resigned unconditionally. Suppose we were, for the sake of argument, to admit this was the reason the writ has not been issued and an election has not been held, as the law requires, to fill the vacancy caused by this resignation? Ancient history entered largely into his discourse, and a great "dale" was said by him about what his Government "done," and about what was "done" by their predecessors. He was most persistent in his references to Mr. Campbell and his conduct of the Public Works Office. It was of no consequence that Mr. Campbell frequently called him to order; he persisted in his extravagant statements. In his discussion of the Wise episode he said he did not wish to see the rules of the House "prostrated." If all accounts are true, it was poor Mr. Wise, and not the rules, that was "prostrated." He made some reference to the Lunatic Asylum, but touched the subject very gingerly, as this is rather a delicate affair. When he finally came down to the discussion of Provincial finances, his statements were just as much mixed as they were on every other question. By concealing the proceeds of the tobacco sales as ordinary revenue, and leaving out the \$25,714.49 charged to "capital account," he figured out a surplus on last year's transactions of \$5,888.96. Next he stated that, had \$26,000 additional debentures been sold, there would have been a surplus of about \$5,000, and finally admitted a deficit of about \$26,000. Surely that is variety enough to please nearly anybody. He wrestled for some time with the figures representing the debt, deficit and interest charges; but it was all in vain, the figures of his own auditor show that the deficit of last year was \$36,915.08; that the interest for the same year was \$19,075.51, and that the public debt of the Province on the 31st December last was about \$800,000.00. Turning to the question of revenue to meet the estimates of expenditure for the present year, he figured out the amount at \$267,725, admitting, at the start, a deficit of over \$5,000. But in addition to this he intimated that debentures to the amount of \$36,400 would be issued. Taking these facts into account, it will plainly be seen that the prospects are bright for an enormous deficit this year, should the present Government be permitted to retain office.

It was nearly half-past eleven when Hon. Mr. Gordon, Leader of the Opposition, commenced to speak. He said he had listened to a good many budget speeches in his time, but he confessed he had never heard one so extravagant as that to which he had just listened. The greater part of the Premier's speech had been devoted to the Wise case. If Mr. Wise had resigned in the manner referred to by the Leader of the Opposition, why had the writ of election not been issued? As regards our finances, the Leader of the Opposition considered the Province was in a deplorable condition. The debt on the 31st December last was well on to \$800,000, and was gradually mounting upwards. He observed that nothing was said in the Premier's speech about the recent delegation to Ottawa, or about the "million" or "millions" we used to hear of in that connection. This silence was very ominous, and might be taken as the strongest evidence that that scheme had outlived its usefulness. Mr. Farquharson, in former years, was very pronounced in his opinion that no delegation should go to Ottawa without permission of the House; but here he is now in person violating this doctrine. (At this stage the debate was adjourned.) Hon. Mr. Gordon resumed the debate yesterday forenoon. He reiterated the statement that the budget speech was not such as we had a right to expect; a great part of it was about Mr. Wise and Mr. Campbell. It was quite evident the Premier

was considerable of a tyrant—was not a friend of either freedom or justice. He had threatened to imprison the Opposition. Referring to the Lunatic Asylum he pointed out that Mr. Farquharson was very cautious on that point. What was the reason that eight leaves had been cut out of Dr. Blanchard's report? That was something the Premier never explained. Hon. Mr. Gordon showed that the Grand Jury strongly objected to Mr. Farquharson's presence during their visit to the institution; and, that notwithstanding strong objections, the Premier was present during the inquiry by the commission appointed for that purpose. Dr. Blanchard's evidence showed that the Premier had obstructed himself in many of other ways to the detriment of the patients in the institution. Referring to the public accounts he showed that attempts had been made to cover up expenditures by carrying them to accounts where they should not have been liability. Surely debentures were a liability on the Province, and the teachers' salaries, for the quarter ending Dec. 31, should be included in the expenditure for that year. He quoted from the Patriot a statement to the effect that, last year "debentures could not be sold unless at a great sacrifice." Does this mean that our credit is depreciating? It seemed we had almost reached the limit of our credit. In conclusion, the Leader of the Opposition pointed out how the number of members on his side of the House had increased from six to thirteen; evidencing beyond the possibility of doubt that the country was with them. This had been emphatically shown on the occasion of the bye-elections. The first district of Prince County had elected an opponent of the Government and had remained true to his principles and to the people whom he was elected to represent, there would now be fourteen on his side of the House and the Government would be in a minority. He hoped Mr. Pineau would be able to explain the occult influences that had seduced him from his proper allegiance. In answer to an interruption of the Premier he indignantly repudiated the imputation that the Opposition had anything to do with influencing Mr. Wise's course.

Provincial Legislature.

The tardy pace at which matters are proceeding in the Legislature shows that the Government utterly disregard the wishes of the people, and waste with equal prodigality precious time and public money. Practically nothing excepting some small matters of the merest routine was done during last week. The House sat but a very brief space during Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and when an adjournment was taken at one o'clock of the last named day till Friday, in honor of the Queen's Birthday, it was thought the budget might be brought on Friday. The country members went to their homes and returned on Friday only to be again dismissed after a sitting of fifteen minutes. The House adjourned till Monday. This looked too much like trifling, and members of the Opposition so expressed themselves. They were in their places ready to go on with the work of the session; but the Government refused to proceed. The Government's excuse for not going on with the business was that they did not previously know there was to be a celebration in honor of the Queen on Friday night; but notice of this celebration had been in the daily papers some days previously. For entering a protest against this waste of time and trifling the Government organ has the temerity to accuse the Opposition of disloyalty. Nothing but a consciousness of guilt could impel to such ready recourse to the disloyalty cry.

Monday, Mr. Shaw asked the Leader of the Government to table a statement showing in detail how the item of \$43,832 as shown by the Public Auditor's Report and charged to bailiffs' fees, County Courts, is made up; the amount paid to each person, the names of the persons receiving the same respectively. Hon. Mr. Farquharson said the information would be tabled as soon as it was made ready. Mr. Campbell asked the Commissioner of Public Works to table a statement in detail of the sum of \$1,480.98, expended on roads in Queen's County; \$287.17 in Prince County, and \$888.71 in King's County; the nature of the work performed, the names of the roads on which such money was expended, the name of all parties to whom said money was paid, and the amount paid to each person, and the name of the Road Districts in which said money was expended. Hon. Mr. McLean said this information would be tabled as soon as it was made ready. Mr. Campbell asked the Commissioner of Public Works to table a statement in detail of all amounts paid out in the Public Works Department from the 31st of December, 1899, up to the 17th of May, 1900, which had been contracted for and due in the year 1899, whether by contract with the department or by returns of supervisors; the nature of each contract in which such money has been paid, the names of each person receiving money and the amount paid to each person separately. Hon. Mr. McLean said this information would be tabled. Hon. Mr. Farquharson tabled the report of the Asylum Commissioners. Upon motion of Hon. Mr. Farquharson the House went into committee on the bill to incor-

porate Fishermen's Bait Associations, Mr. Forbes taking the chair. The bill provides that any number of persons not less than twenty may form themselves into a company for the purpose of purchasing, building, owning, managing and operating cold storage refrigerators for the purpose of preserving, buying, selling and trading in bait for fishing purposes. The capital stock of any company formed under the act shall not be less than \$500, one half of which shall be subscribed. The bill was reported agreed to without amendment and set down for third reading next day. On motion of Mr. Birch the House went into committee on the bill incorporating the hall company of branch 281 of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Tignish, Mr. McKinnon in the chair. Reported agreed to and set down for third reading following day.

On Tuesday Hon. Mr. Gordon asked the Leader of the Government to table copies of all papers and correspondence with the Dominion Government relative to the claims of this Province against the Federal Government. Hon. Mr. Farquharson said the negotiations have been mainly of a conversational nature. If there is any correspondence that can be used it will be tabled. Mr. A. P. Prowse asked the Commissioner of Public Works to table a statement showing what contracts have been entered into for the erection of the new bridge at Murray Harbor South, the names of contractors, amount of each contract, and dates when the several contracts are to be completed; also whether provision has been made for conveying the public to and from across the river during the time the proposed bridge is in course of erection. Hon. Mr. McLean promised the statement asked for. Mr. A. P. Prowse asked the Commissioner of Public Works to table a statement in detail of the sum of \$242.42 expended on Murray River Bridge, King's County, in the year 1899, the nature of the work performed, the names of all parties to whom said money was paid and the amount paid to each person; also the date when the work was completed. Hon. Mr. McLean said he would table the information. Mr. A. P. Prowse asked the Commissioner of Public Works to table a statement in detail of the sum of \$100.40 expended on Floating Bridge, King's County, in the year 1899, the nature of the work performed, the names of all parties to whom said money was paid, and the amount paid to each person; also the date when the work was completed. Hon. Mr. McLean promised the statement.

Wednesday Mr. Birch asked the Commissioner of Public Works to table a statement in detail showing how the sum of \$7,387 is made up; the names of the parties doing the work; the names of parties supplying material and kind, and charged to Horton's Bridge, 1899. Hon. Mr. McLean said the statement would be tabled. Mr. Birch asked the Leader of the Government to table a statement showing how the boundaries of the Alexandria School District No. 10 were changed and why, and the names of the parties who made the change, and define the boundaries of the District. Hon. Mr. Farquharson said he would have the statement made. Mr. Birch asked the Leader of the Government to table a statement showing how the amount of \$596.11 is made up as shown by the Public Accounts and charged to Crown Prosecutions in Magistrate's Court's Olets in sundry cases. Hon. Mr. Farquharson said he would have the statement made. Mr. Birch asked the Commissioner of Public Works to table a statement in detail showing how the sum of \$1,228.60 is made up; the amount of contract, amount paid for inspection, amount of interest and amount paid for extra, and charged to New Kildare Bridge 1899. Hon. Mr. McLean said the statement would be tabled. Mr. Birch asked the Commissioner of Public Works to table a statement in detail showing how the sum of \$123.84 is made up and the names of the parties doing the work and the names of parties supplying material, and charged to Mill River Bridge, 1899. Hon. Mr. McLean said the statement would be tabled. Hon. Mr. Gordon asked the Leader of the Government to table a statement showing the amount due the Banks by the Government of this Province; the amount due on Debenture account, and also the amount due Loans Accounts, to date. Hon. Mr. Farquharson promised the information. Mr. Shaw asked the Leader of the Government to table a statement showing in what form the sum of \$1,430.36, as shown by the Auditor's Report, under the head of Debentures Sinking Fund account, and also the sum of \$4,538.87, under the head of funds held in trust, at this date paid; whether they are placed on call or on deposit; if on deposit the rate of interest which they bear, and if by deposit, the deposit receipt showing the same. Hon. Mr. Farquharson promised the desired information. Mr. Shaw asked the Commissioner of Public Works to table a statement showing a copy of all tenders for supplying the fuel for the Igloo and coal for the steamer Hillsborough with coal, for the year ended December 31st, 1899, and the name of the tender accepted, the quantity of fuel supplied and also the certificates issued from weighing scales on which said coal was weighed. Hon. Mr. McLean promised copies of the tenders and the other information asked for. Mr. Shaw asked the Leader of the Government

to table a copy of all papers and correspondence between this Government and the Federal Government relating to the construction of a Railway and Traffic Bridge across the Hillsborough River and also a copy of an agreement entered into between the respective Governments, relating to the construction, maintenance, repairs and traffic in connection with said Bridge. Hon. Mr. Farquharson promised the information. Mr. Shaw asked the Commissioner of Public Works to table a statement showing how the item of \$250.00, as shown by Auditor's Report and charged to Mount Stewart Abattoir, has been expended; if by public tender, a copy of all the tenders and the name of the tender accepted; if by public sale, the name of the person to whom the contract was awarded and the nature of the work done; if by days' work, the number of persons employed, the names of the persons so employed, the number of days each person was so employed and the amount paid per day to each person respectively; the amount of material supplied; the names of the persons supplying such material and the price paid to each person supplying material respectively. Hon. Mr. McLean explained that the \$250 in question had been paid to the company owning the abattoir to keep the bridge in connection therewith in repair. He promised to bring down the detailed information asked for.

Friday Mr. A. A. McLean asked the Commissioner of Public Works whether it is the intention of the Government to open a new road from Alexandria, Lot 49, to Lot 48 road; and for what purpose was the \$25 dollars mentioned in the Public Works Report, 1899, paid to Daniel McLellan. Hon. Mr. McLean said it was the intention of the Government to open the road through The \$25 was for a right of way. Mr. John A. McDermott asked the Leader of the Government if it is the intention of the Government to pay John Hickey the sum of fifteen dollars agreed upon for lands taken for the purposes of opening up a new road from the main road to the shore of Danley River. Hon. Mr. Farquharson said the money had been paid. Upon motion of Hon. Mr. Farquharson the bill amending the act incor-

porating the Cornwall Creamery Company was read a third time. Upon motion of Mr. Birch the bill incorporating the Hall Company of the Tignish Branch of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association was read a third time and passed. Upon motion of Mr. A. A. McLean the act incorporating the Central Christian Church was read a third time and passed. Upon motion of Hon. Mr. Farquharson the bill incorporating the trustees of the Hampton Public Hall was read a third time and passed.

Estimated Expenditures of the Government of Prince Edward Island for the Year 1900.

Administration of Justice.....	\$ 14,970
Board of health.....	60
Coroners Inquest.....	180
Department of Agriculture.....	1,600
Dairy Associations, Bonns.....	200
Executive Council.....	380
Education.....	125,800
Elections.....	500
Hospital for Insane.....	20,000
Interest to Banks, Loans, Debentures and Trust Funds.....	19,800
License Inspectors.....	900
Legislation.....	7,148
Legislative Library for purchase of Books.....	180
Miscellaneous grants.....	2,730
Miscellaneous expenditures.....	400
Paupers.....	4,500
Poor House maintenance.....	3,500
Postage and rent of Post Office boxes.....	450
Public Lands Department.....	1,000
Provincial Secretary Treasurer's Department.....	3,880
Provincial Auditor's Dept.....	1,175
Provincial Building.....	1,525
Registry Office Charlottetown.....	2,960
Registry Office Summerside.....	1,150
Stenographer and Librarian's Dept.....	25
Public Works Department.....	1,570
Dep.....	3,475
Perries, Queen's County.....	10,680
Perries, Prince County.....	1,575
Perries, Kings County.....	2,360
Wharves for the three counties.....	1,800
Excise.....	3,385
Roads.....	15,000
Supervisors salaries.....	1,800
Bridge.....	7,000
Bathing ice.....	675
Telephones, rent, etc.....	215
Miscellaneous, Public Works.....	400
Debtors Sinking Fund.....	2,775
Unforeseen.....	1,040
Provincial exhibition.....	6,000
Total.....	\$278,345

THE WAR!

The War Office has received the following from Lord Roberts:—
VENEZIA, May 27th.—We crossed the Venetian morning and are now encamped on the north bank. The advance troops which crossed yesterday were only just in time to save the coal mines on both sides and the other side of the river from being destroyed. Our casualties were four. Baden-Powell reports that the railway between Mafeking and Bulawayo has been restored and that supplies are being brought into Mafeking. He says the Canadian Artillery joined Colonel Plumer from Beira with incredible rapidity. Lt. Webber was taken prisoner at Heilbronn a few days ago. He was there on telegraph duty. It was not known that our troops had been temporarily withdrawn.
A dispatch from Masaru, Eastaolad, dated May 27th states that four squadrons of colonials captured 150 Boers and ten waggon loads of grain near Ficksburg, where they also captured a Maxim gun.
A dispatch from Koonstadt dated May 28th says: General Hamilton invaded the Transvaal yesterday having crossed at Wonderfontein Drift. A correspondent with General French writes that the column was at Parli at 11 o'clock on Thursday. The Dikens Brigade crossed the Vaal river at Lindersburg Drift, where only a few Boers were encountered.
A Lorenz Marquet dispatch of the 28th says: The following has reached me from Pretoria under date of May 25. The situation both from a military and a political point of view has become very critical. President Kruger yesterday admitted for the first time that matters were very serious. The Boers determination is to trust everything to a last stand in the Gaikru Mountains to the north of Potchefstroom, where 3,000 Kaffirs are digging trenches. Thicker every available man and gun have been sent.
The whole western border of the Transvaal from end to end is defenseless. Baden Powell can march in when he likes.
Lord Roberts will encounter the greatest resistance from the Boers in their endeavour to draw the British into appearing to three Johannesburg with an attack, whereby a reason will be given for the destruction of property. The Government dare not destroy the mines and property without an excuse.
Advices received in London on the 29th state that President Kruger has all his arrangements made for an immediate flight, presumably to Holland. A special train provisioned and always ready with steam up, waits at some distance from Pretoria. On Sunday the Transvaal Government resigned to Holland thirty-five boxes of bullion. Not much gold is likely to be found in the treasury. The seat of Government will be removed to Waterval Boven, a small station on Delagoa Bay. A railway line then is necessary at Lydenburg.
Lord Roberts yesterday announced the formal annexation of the Orange Free State to the British Empire. It will hereafter be known as "The Orange River State."
Lord Roberts is now at Johannesburg, the great gold-mining city of the Transvaal. The British forces will be at Pretoria within a week.
General Bullard has captured Utrecht, and General Clerf has captured Laing's Nek.

The Prices.

There was a very small market yesterday, with little change in the prices since our quotations. There was a large amount of hay in, which brought from 45c. to 50c. per cw. Straw still remains at 25c. Potatoes brought from 14 to 16c.
Butter, (fresh)..... 0.20 to 0.22
Butter (rub)..... 0.18 to 0.20
Beef (small) per lb..... 0.08 to 0.12
Beef (quarter) per lb..... 0.05 to 0.07
Calf skins..... 0.64 to 0.07
Ducks..... 0.90 to 0.70
Eggs, per doz..... 0.10 to 0.12
Fowls..... 0.40 to 0.60
Hides..... 0.54 to 0.08
Hay per 100 lbs..... 0.45 to 0.50
Lettuce (per bunch)..... 0.08 to 0.00
Lobsters..... 0.05 to 0.20
Mangles..... 0.16 to 0.07
Oats..... 0.14 to 0.16
Pork (small)..... 0.28 to 0.30
Pork (large)..... 0.20 to 0.25
Sheep pelts..... 0.54 to 0.08
Sheep pelts..... 0.70 to 1.00

Mortgage Sale.

To be sold by public auction on Tuesday the 29th day of June A. D. 1900, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon in front of the court house in Charlottetown, in the Province of Prince Edward Island, under and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage of mortgage bearing date the twenty-ninth day of March, A. D. 1888, and made between Daniel McAlay and Hannah McAlay, his wife, and John McAlay and Margaret McAlay his wife, the one part, and Jane R. Macdonnell, then of Charlottetown, afterwards minister of the other part.
All that tract, piece or parcel of land, situate on lot or Township number Fifty-four in Kings County, in the Province of Prince Edward Island, bounded and described as follows, that is to say:
Commencing on the northwest side of the Sea, or of Carleton Place, at the division line of Township Numbers Forty-one and Fifty-one, and running thence northerly along the said road twenty-six chains to the said Carleton Place, thence northerly along the boundary of said lot to the first mentioned line and thence northerly along the same to the place of commencement or less, being thus described in a certificate of title issued by the Registrar of the King's County, to H. Macdonnell, sheriff of the said County, on the seventh day of February, A. D. 1888, and place above described is not sold at the time of the sale, but the same will then be sold by private sale.
For further particulars apply at the office of the said H. Macdonnell, Sheriff, etc. Charlottetown.
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