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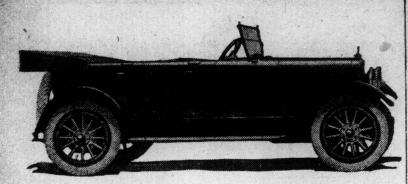
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Despite Increased Revenue of \$5,173,322, He Says Ontario Has a Deficit of \$812,848 — Government Has Failed

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Noon.

H. Hartley Dewart, K. C., Liberal leader, at the end of a two-hour speech, which says 'The provincial treasurer moved, seconded by W. E. N. Sinclair, which says 'The provincial treasurer thinks the voice of criticism should that the state of the

mited direct the expenditure of public moneys."

Scores Extravagance.

Canada Mr. Dewart described the mounting which, however, had been reduced to the province had which, however, however the standard of book-partment as "extravagance run riot."

Mr. Dewart could not understanad the ordinary revenue and expenditure was attitude of the farmer members. Why \$1,500,000. Hon. Peter Smith, he said, were they silent? would be 'would be known for all time

as the treasurer of a spendthrift gov-Referring to the highway expendi-ures of Hon. F. C. Biggs, minister of

reckless spendthrifts ever known in competent legal brains in your combination to advise you, but the country has had to pay the piper."

Cost Was Heavy

> "You will," asserted attorney-general Raney.
> Mr. Ferguson condemned the attorney general for making money for the Government out of race-track gambling and the liquor business and said the minister was "prepared to take from them his share coming from the pros-Hon. Mr. Raney called Mr. Ferguson's attention to the fact that the province ad no power to prohibit racetrack

Mr. Ferguson suggested that the attorney-general appeal against the de-cision of the court as to the province not having power to prohibit racetrack gambling, and the latter retorted that there was no appeal.

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Premier Drury claimed that the Government had not done badly last year and had not been prodigal. Financial obligations of the previous government had to be assumed, he said. Referring o the Government's predecessors, the premier said:

"During the year 1919 they had increased the public debt by nearly \$22,-000,000. They had a deficit on the year's transactions of \$1,559,802, and they had collected a direct war tax of \$2,085,000. They also left a legacy of unpaid debts incurred during ehe previous, year \$308,000 for the general election and we had to assume an obligation of \$460,000 to the teachers' superannuation fund, which had been ored by the retiring administration. In addition to this the cost of every-thing reached the highest peak in 1920. We had to pay about 15 per cent more for all supplies than was paid in 1919 and the cost of living rose in the same

Government.

"In 1919 the ordinary revenue, including the war tax was \$19,904,772 and in 1920 we raised a revenue of \$25,078,094, or an increase of \$5,173,322 over the receipts of 1919. Not one dollar of this money was levied in direct taxation upon the people. The bulk of the increased revenue was brought in by means of taxes on amusements, luxuries, corporations, estates passing at uries, corporations, estates passing at death and receipts from mines and

"The expenditure during the year increased from \$21,404,574, in 1919 to \$25,sequence from \$21,404,514, in 1816 to separate \$80,843 in 1920. The actual increase was \$4,416,269 which was \$757,053 less than the increased revenue. We find that the result of the year's operations is a deficit of \$802,749.

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"Last year our capital expenditure reached a total figure of \$56,963,946.

Of that sum, however, \$22,313,208 was used to pay off maturing debts. We have, therefore, to account for the balance, which amounted to \$34,846,402. The greater portion of this was used in what may be described as self-sustaining investments. We advanced \$18,076,500 to the Hydro-Electric Commission to carry on works begun be-fore we assumed office and which must necessarily be completed in order that the investment already made may be made productive. We advanced to municipalities under the hous ing act, \$4,236,708, which comes mainly from a Dominion loan for housing pur-poses, and which will be repaid with interest. These two sums account for \$22,313,208 of our capital expenditure. Of the balance, \$10,882,296, we spent \$1,607,005 for Northern Ontario pur poses, which included advances for per-manent improvements of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway, for colonization roads and for northern and northwestern development.

For Returned Soldiers. "The interests of returned soldiers called for a capital expenditure of \$445.-844. We provided \$655,000 for educaional buildings and \$910,000 for public pulldings. Our capital expenditure on highways was \$6,664,989, but of this sum \$1,500,000 was spent on behalf of the Dominion Government and will be returned to the province. We may, therefore, fairly eliminate that sum from our capital expenditure, in arriving at the actual amount and it brings the capital outlay for the year down to \$9,382,296 as compared with the \$34,000,000 for which some critics

In conclusion, Mr. Drury pointed out that in spite of the largely 'ncreased expenditure on ordinary and capital account which he had explained, members of the opposite side of the House had motions on the order paper calling for further expenditures amounting to millions of dollars. . Peter Smith, provincial treas who wound up the debate on the

of the Government would hold us ac-

To Make Good Promise To Abolish Patronage. TORONTO, March 10 .- The Ontario the U. F. O. ministry. It is certainly Legislature started in the last leg of time to call a halt. The Government the debate on the budget this after- will do well to listen to the note of warning sounded by the Hon. Mr.

travagant expenditure of the Government, involving, despite an increased "There is only one things can shake ment, involving, despite an increased revenue for ordinary receipts of \$5,173,-322.58 for the last fiscal year, a deficit \$812.848.83, and further deplores the imprudent borrowing of large sums at excessive prices for long terms, notably the loan of \$16,000,000 in December, the loan of \$16,000,000 in December, large and \$10,000,000 in Pahriary 1921. 1920, and \$10,000,000 in February, 1921, uncertain tone, that the brakes to put without any vote of this House, appropriating the same to particular works

on, put on hard, and at once.'"

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Conser-

I AM THE LONDON SIX—CANADA'S priating the same to particular works or purposes, the last loan while the House was in session, contrary to constitutional usage and the right of the people through their representatives in the Legislative Assembly to control and direct the expenditure of public moneys."

Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Conservative leader, who spoke early at tonight's session, complimented the Liberal leader upon his speech and said that in his seventeen years as a member of the Legislature he had seldom heard an abler speech. Mr. Ferguson, Conservative leader, who spoke early at tonight's session, complimented the people of the province wative leader, who spoke early at tonight's session, complimented the people of the province wative leader, who spoke early at tonight's session, complimented the people of the province wative leader, who spoke early at tonight's session, complimented the people through their province wative leader, who spoke early at tonight's session, complimented the people through their province wative leader, who spoke early at tonight's session, complimented the people through their province wative leader, who spoke early at tonight's session, complimented the liberal leader upon his speech and member of the Legislature he had self-dom heard an abler speech. London Motors, Limited

FORD CITY BILL

HAS BEEN APPROVED

TORONTO, March 10.—The private bills committee of the Ontario Legislature today approved a bill enabling Ford City to annex 1,124 acres.

H. C. A. Masonville protested, saying that much of the new area was area was already enough land sub-divided to accommodate the population of New York City. The committee also approved of the bill incorporating the town of Tecumsch, but refused to accept a suggessistature today approved a bill enabling the town of Tecumsch, but refused to accept a suggessistature today approved a bill enabling the town of Tecumsch, but refused to accept a suggessistation made to it that in the act incorporating Riverside, east of Ford, there should be a clause naming the mayor, reeve and three councillors. The attorney-general said notice should have been given.

Attitude of the farmer members. Why were they silent?

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The U. F. O. list, said Mr. Dewart. included ten judges and thirty lawyers.
It had cost this province from \$250,000

The prime minister had promised that patronage would be abolished That promise was now a broken reed. Mr. Dewart reviewed the financial situation and in closing said: "It is a far call from the speeches titution of the morals of this province. of U. F. O. speakers to the action of

budget, said he was "absolutely opposed to earmarking anything for a specific purpose."

"It can't be done successfully," he declared. Under his system everything was put into the consolidated revenue fund. "It's jpst put into a pet and everything comes out of it," he sold. The provincial treasurer hearelly agreed with the contention of H. Hartley Dewart that sinking funds should be provided for all loans. Last sum-

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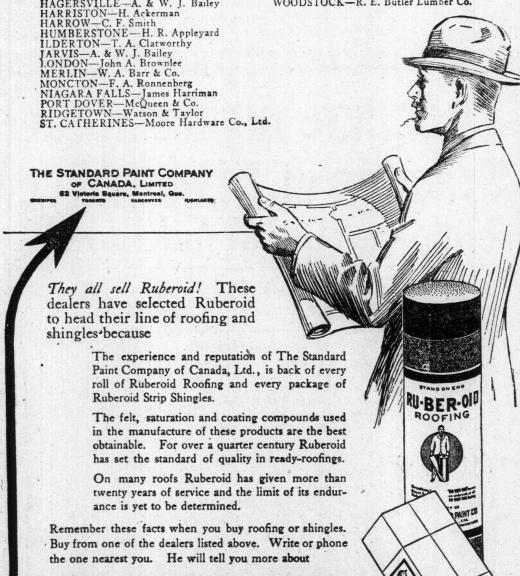
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