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The Government and the People.

As intimated in a recent issue the Farquharson Government have ordered a general election for this Province, to take place on Wednesday, December the 12th Nomination will be Wednesday December 5th. The Government's reason for springing the elections on the people at this unfavorable season of the year can be none other than the hope of stealilg a march on them under cover of closes. the glamour resultant from the recent Dominion elections. It therefore behooves the electors of this Province to be on their guard that there wa deceived by the tactics or special power. Well, we do not wish to they must be judged. pleading of the Government. Apart accuse the Government of any altogether from the trouble and political crimes of which they are inconvenience of contesting elec- not guilty, and will admit that tions at this unpleasant season they inherited some debt from of the year, the Government are their predecessors in office. Durguilty of the most glaring injustice ing the discussion of the budget in bringing on the elections so close to the end of a year of whose Premier placed the debt assumed public transactions the people know nothing. The Government's their predecessors at \$128,429. financial year ends on the 31st of We are not disposed to controvert December; yet they bring on a general election within a fortnight of this date, well knowing that the electors have no cognizance of power they, too, inherited from how the revenues of the Province have been spent or mis-pent for of \$51,740. Subtracting this the past twelve months, as no public accounts are issued or will \$76,689 as the correct amount of be issued till some time after the begining of the new year. The Government may have run the Province a hundred thousand dol- office, we shall find that they inlars in debt since they last reported to the people; yet they come before the electors and ask for a renewal of confidence without af- friends increased the Provincial fording one scintilla of evidence as to how they have administered assumed by them, from the prepublic affairs for the last twelve sent debt of \$624,000, we see that months. They simply attempt to the Liberals increased the Provinthe latter to support them blindly 000, or a yearly average increase without asking any questions as for their nine years of office of to how the Government has con-\$55,112. This, in brief, is the ducted the business of the Pro- statement of the public debt and vince. Are the intelligent electors the amount of it, for which the of this Frovince prepared to ac- Liberal Government are responcord their support to a Govern. sible, as well as the rate per year ment that insults them in this at which they increased it. When fashion? In the absence of any the Liberals assumed power they official statement of the Govern- proclaimed it as part of their polment's transactions for the current year, now almost closed, we must ture meet. The figures of the only refer to their past record as enormous public debt under which the next best evidence of what we are now groaning as shown they have been doing for the last above, exemplify the Governtwelve months. There is every reason to believe that whatever this part of their policy, and the worse than the record the year sacredness with which they regard coming to a close has been, it has their promises to the people in not been any better. We must, this particular. The following list of deficits will afford our readtherefore, conclude, that the financial affairs of the Province are in a ers some idea of the facility with naught the provisions of the corvery bad position. Here is the which the Liberal Government stitution and have trampled under record: On the 31st day of D cember last, according to the sta ment of the Provincial Audit the debt of the province was follows:

Balance against the

Province.....\$136,756 Due on debentures... 220,000 Provincial loans..... 160,464

\$517,221 Regarding the debenture debt, Public Accounts contain two items amounting to \$16,532.80, which are credited to debenture account to the Legislature on the 23rd of May, 1900, the sum of \$11,030.30 of this amount has no existence as of this amount has no existence as table shows:

| Modern | Mod in question had no existence except in imagination. This is how matters stood, according to the public accounts, on December 31st last. On the 22nd day of May, 1900, a statement was submitted

Taxes imposed 1893....44,995.97

Taxes imposed 1893....55,668.68

This inconvenience without any means of redress.

Taxes imposed 1893....55,668.68

There are several other counts in the indictment against the Govern
The Minister of Marine is about to hand over his portfolio to Mr. Emerson and take a non-political office. This departure would damage Mr. Farquharson's chances if the provincial election took place afterwards. Therefore the election is to be got over, and then it will be made known that Prince Edward Island has no longer a minister at 1900, a statement was submitted

were on December 31, 1899. This is the last statement the public the amount of interest paid upon \$588,579.89. Should it so happen that of 1899 the last year tor ical scape goats now come before the B. Macdonald & Co.

not responsible " rall the debt;

in the Legislature last session, the by the Liberal Government from these figures; but will assume they are correct. When the Conservative Government came into their predegessors, in office a debt

amount from \$128,429, we have debt chargeable to the Conservative Government. If we divide this by the twelve years they held creased the debt at the average yearly rate of \$6,390. Let us now see at what rate our Liberal debt. Subtracting the \$128,000, icy to make revenue and expendiment's method of carrying out

De-		Provincia
te-	debt:	
tor,	Deficit, 1891	.\$ 30,439.20
as	Deficit, 1892	. 37,651.29
	Deficit, 1893	. 119,942.33
	Deficit 1894	. 20.164.21
77	Deficit, 1895	. 32,862.80
00	Deficit, 1896	. 14,135.32
.89	Deficit, 1897	. 38,201.65
	Deficit, 1898	. 25,576.77
66	Deficit, 1899	. 36,915.03
the		

said to be on call in the bank; but Taxes imposed 1894.\$45,182.81 it is well known the Government's Taxes imposed 1895, ... 47,661.00 wasted in attempts to debauch the account was at that time overdrawn at the bank; therefore the amount in question had no existence ex
Taxes imposed 1896....48,466.10

Taxes imposed 1897....46,674.50

Taxes imposed 1898....44,995.97

to the Legislature by the governis a considerable amount of tax to ment; but space does not permit us, ment, showing that the amount be extracted from the people of at the present writing, to enumerate due to the banks on that date was this Province by a Government any more. We think we have said \$22, 608.23 over what the public that declared on their advent to enough however, to prove beyond the accounts showed to be due on power, that the day of taxation possibility of doubt, that they have December 31st, 1899. This would was far off; by a Government that forfeited the confidence of a free and bring the debt up to \$539,829.89 declared they would not resort to independent electorate. We have at that date, admitting that the direct taxation without first con- shown from their own official state. cine with the utmost confidence that it loans account and debenture ac- sulting the people.

count remained the same as they A debt is fairly measured by shape of taxes, the sum of \$288,646,has had from the Government re- it; therefore the magnitude of amounting to \$355,888,60, they have garding the finances of the Pro- of our Provincial debt may be apyince. At the last session of the proximately gauged by the inter-Legislature, the Government pass-est charge upon the same. The vince to the extent of \$16,378,07, or get a share of the bargains. ed an act empowering them to extraordinary growth of this inissue debentures to the amount of terest since the Liberals came into derived from the land office last year. \$48,750.00. If these debentures power will be shown by compar- All this they have done in the face of the ing the interest charge for 1890, their promises to economize and to you a chance to buy with \$5 Potatoes (buyers price).... Province has been increased by the last year for which the Con- make revenue and expenditure meet. almost as much as you can Pork (small)..........

THE HERALD that they have not been sold, we which we have the public ac- people and seek a renewal if pow may be sure the deficit on the counts. In 1890 the interest paid Once more we ask, are the electors of year's transactions equals the am by the Government, as shown in this Province prepared to condone ount of the debentures and more. the public accounts, amounted to all their falsehood and deception and Whether the debentures have been \$2,697.44 From this modest sum give them another lease of office? sold or not, we may take it for paid by the Conservatives in 1890 granted that the Government, in the interest charges against the accordance with their past record. Province have gone on increasing nave this year added to the Pro- under Liberal rule until the enthese two items to the above fig- lesser rate than was paid by the pers the sum of \$624,000.00, which case it only shows that they have we may be sure is a moderate es- accumulated a larger debt than is timate of the debt of this Province apparent to the public. Surely

> The Government say they are mised to make revenue and expenditure meet. Their actions

> > Having scandalously deceived the people and falsified all the promises of economy made in 1893, the Government found it the people were told the matter from which the blundering or criminof our claims against the Federal al Deputy Returning Officer had

to arbitration, with the confident expectation that our Provincial treasury would benefit thereby, to the extent of a million dollars or two, in actual cash. This, the people were told would be the means of obviating direct taxation for all time. Events have proved that these roseate statements had no foundation in fact, and, that they were simply made for the purpose of deceiving the electorate; for, the then Premier, who embodied this alluring language in his election address, knew he

would be starting for British Columbia as soon as the election should be over. The trick accomplished all that was intended; the people were deceived; but from that day to this we have heard nothing about arbitration. No money has been recouped to the Provincial treasury in virtue of

they avail themselves of the opportunity; or will they condone all this wrong-doing and allow the

does not by any means embrace the full catalogue of the Government's political crimes. They have set at foot the principles of responsible There are yet other provinces.—St. government, by retaining in the John Sun. office of Attorney-General, for the space of about a year, a man who had RETIREMENT OF SIR LOUIS DAVIES been rejected by the electorate when he appealed to them for confirmation of his office. During all the years they have been in office they have squandered the public revenues and matter of our roads and bridges. Necessary repairs on our roads are not let to public competition; nor is making an average annual deficit son of the year when it would be most beneficial, from the view-point gay regarding this matter : While they were rolling up the of convenience or economy. The under the head of sinking fund;

but according to a statement of the Provincial Auditor, submitted

While they were rolling up the public are allowed to suffer during the season that the road work should be the Provincial Auditor, submitted

While they were rolling up the public are allowed to suffer during the season that the road work should be season that the road work should be done and where also diving deep into the peo-

consequence is that the money is

ments that, although they took from will do you good. What it has done for the pockets of the people, in the o6; they have accumulated deficits nearly \$500,000; they have increased gular lines at 25 per cent discount. Fowls...

The Recount in East Oueens.

vincial debt considerably more ormous amount of \$19,075.51, was Oueen's which began before Judge than these debentures amount to. reached in 1899. At this rate of McDonald on Friday, concluded yes Placing the quarter salary due the increase we may be very sure the terday afternoon, with the result that teachers on December 31st at interest paid this year will be Mr. McKinnon was awarded the sea \$26,000, and the half-year's inter- considerably over \$20,000.00 In by a majority of seven votes. The est on the public debt falling due connection with this interest, the recount developed the fact that a on the same date, and adding Liberals say they are paying a large number of ballots were not initialed by the deputy returning efficers res we shall have in round num- Conservatives. If that be the and certain marks on the back of almost every ballot paper of the Murray Harbor North poll caused them to be rejected. These marks are supposed to have been made by at the present time, or in a few this question of interest is suffiweeks hence when the year cient of itself to condemn, most ly numbering the ballots on the back emphatically, the Government instead of on the counterfoil and that preached economy and pro- afterwards illegally and improperly ed, and did not sustain a single casutrying to erase the pencil marks.

The result, of Saturday morning's have most glaringly belied their work developed the fact that out of he reins of words: and its by their actions about 140 ballot papers all but six 28: "The Dewetsdrop garrison, of two macDonald remained at the Castle by fourteen votes in the whole poll.

The result of this recount was ar rived at by robbing the electors at strong. Fourteen hundred men were to the electors in 1897. This time figures were discernable. Ballots

Government were to be submitted completely erased the marks were allowed. Of 77 votes polled for Mr gaged Steyn and DeWetnear Vaalbank, Martin at Murray Harbor North, Nov. 28 They retired west and southbalance of 31 for Martin. Of 63 ballots market for McKinnon at this poll thirty were disallowed, leaving a 28, says that General Knox re-occupied balance of 33 for McKinnon. The Dewetsdorp Nov. 26. The Boers, he total vote thus arrived at by Judge adds, had attacked the place Nov. 21.

Majority for McKinnon It is probable that the matter may

Mr. Tarte's Boast.

provincial elections. La Patrie says that "the conservative party is no more."

our claims at Ottawa; the deficits Canada the conclusion would not be have gone on as usual, the taxes quite correct. But it is a stubborn of them, where revolver shots were ex. on Thursday, and the vats were filled with have been extracted from the fact that the Quebec government is changed. The Boers shelled the British liquid glass. It was upon these that the pockets of the people and the Pro- already triumphant. Out of seventy with fifteen pounders captured at Devincial debt has been piled higher four seats no less than thirty one and higher. The people now have been carried by acclamation, at a farm nearby, rode off to the westan opportunity of resenting all and in nearly a dozen other ridings this falsehood and deception. Will the conservatives have abandoned the contest. All the ministers are re-elected without a contest, and if every op position member in the field should be elected the government would still Government to deceive them once have a majority. Therefore Mr. Tarte has a right to be jubilant-the same right that Mr Mercier had in

> But Mr. Tarte should not be too narrow in his outlook. It does not gral Dewet foilow because of what is happening in Quebec that there is no conser vative party anywhere in Canada. of the British troops in South Africa to

A story is going the rounds of the press to the effect that Sir Louis Davies is about to retire from political life to ister of Marine is, it is understood, to go to Mr. Emerson, of New Bruns- Mahdi's power in the Soudan, wick, It is said that this "deal" was contemplated before the election, but for obvious reasons the fact was not made

The Fredericton Herald has this "The story goes that Sir Louis Davies

THIS IS WHAT THEY SAY.

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In South Africa! CANUCKS IN LONDON.

The War Office has published the following despatch from Lord Roberts. dated Johannesburg, Nov. 26: "As reports of a plot against my

will probably reach you, I think you should know the facts. It is believed that there was a plot in existence, and five Italians, four Greeks and one Frenchman were arrested Nov. 16 and are now awaiting trial. Their intentions were to explode a mine under St Mary's church during the morning service held at 11 o'clock on Nov. 18." General Smith-Dorrien's column has

returned to Belfast after a five-day march from Bullstroom. They had expressed sympathy for him. After the only one casualty. On the return journey the Canadians, while scouting, rode apartments, they were entertained a close to an ambush prepared by the luncheon in the Royal Riding School, The Boers. Realizing their position, they Canadians marched past to the tune sprang from their horses, turned them "Vive La Canadienne." The Regime loose and sent them galloping back to was afterwards photographed at the special the column. They then sought cover on a slight ridge and poured a hot and accurate fire into the Boers, killing several of them. They held their position until the column of infantry arriv-

Lord Roberts cables from Johannes burg, underidate of Wednesday, Nov. 28: "The Dewetsdrop garrison, of two losses were 15 killed and 42 wounded, including Major H. J. Anson and Cap. Digby. The enemy is said to be 2,500

necessary to invent a new shib- Murray Harbor North and other despatched from Edenburg to relieve boleth when they again appealed places of all the ballots upon which Dewetsdorp, but they did not succeed in adian regiment and the composite regi reaching there in time. Knox joined this force and found Dewetsdorp evacuated. Seventy-five sick and wounded had been left there. Knox pursued and is reported to have successfully enforty-six were disallowed,—leaving a west. Knox's messenger failed to get through, so I have no details."

> Lord Roberts, in a message from Johannesburg, dated Wednesday, Nov. and the town had surrendered Nov

Gen. Knox at last accounts was pur uing the federal commander.

The disaster at Dewetsdorp has sen thrill of alarm throughout Great Britair. The censorship continues so yet come before the higher courts of strict that there is no hope of arriving at a clear conception of the actual posi tion of affairs in South Africa.

Col. Pilcher had a smart skirmish

De Wei's command, which was conveyscene of the fighting, but they eluded wetsdorp. Ex-President Steyn and General Dewet, who were breakfasting ward, leaving the British front clear. The British casualties were one man killed and six men wounded. Several Boers who had been wounded were found by the British. Stevn and Dewet have since been reported to be encamped to the westward between Helvetia and the railroad, but the

sioner Boyle of Dewetsdorp remains in the custody of the burghers. Many Roberts has handed over the command Lord Kitchener. It is further announced that the Queen approves Lord general, with the rank of general while

into three bodies. District Commis

n command in South Africa. A lieutenant general is the next highest rank general in the British army. He was bench at Ottawa. The portfolio of Min 1871. He was created a baron about two years ago for destroying the

The first despatch from General er-in-chief of the British forces in South 30, confirms the reports of fighting between General Pilcher and General

General Paget was fighting November mus commando, and that he drove the Boers to a position in the vicinity of

The British casualties were heavy

The Prices.

The market vesterday was more largely attended than for some time and a large amount of produce was selling. There is which is a little more than has been paid. 18c. and turnips 10 to 12c. A large

0.22 to 0.24 Beef (small) per lb..... Hay, per 100 fbs..... Lamb (qr.) Mutton, per lb.....

0.51 to 0.06 0.85 to 0.40 0.65 to 0.80 0.5% to 0.06

0.19 to 0.20 0.28 to 0.29 2.00 to 2.25

The members of the Royal Canadian Regiment who have just returned from South Africa, were enthusiastically received by the people of the town of Windsor, where they went, at the command of the Queen, from London. The soldiers then proceeded to the Castle and were reviewed by the Queen in the quadrangle. Her Majesty, addressing the Canadians, thanked them for the immense services hey had rendered to the Empire. The officers were then presented individually. Then the Queen summoned Private Armleg during the campaign, and who joined to the royal carriage, and Her Majesty

request of the Queen. The Queen's speech to the Canadian was as follows: "I am very glad to see you here today and to express my warm thanks for the admirable services rendered during the war by the Canadian troops.

bad numbers, indistinctly, it is true, with detachments of the Gloucester- Majesty and the Royal Family that evenon their backs. Of these six five were shire Regiment, the Highland Light ing. When our soldiers went to Windson marked for Martin and one for Mc- Infantry, and Irish Rifles, 400 in all, they were headed by the Grenadier's Kinnon. Martin had a majority of surrendered at 5.30 p. m. Nov. 23. Our band. The Queen, accompanied by Prio-

A London despatch of the 3rd inst says nent of the household cavalry were nspected this afternoon by the Prince of Wales at the Albany street barracks. The Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, the Duke of Cambridge, Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, General Sin Evelyn Wood, the adjutant general to the forces and the secretary of state for war, Mr. Wm. St. John Broderick, were among hose present and participated in the i The Canadian officers wer atroduced to the Prince of Wales, who in a brief speech, heartily welcomed then to England. He said it had been grea satisfaction to him to hear how gallantly they had fought and he mourned with them the loss of so many of their bray omrades. The prince also said he nembered with the greatest pleasure h visit to Canada. The spectators at function were warmly enthusiastic.

HORRIBLE ACCIDENT.

Nine persons were killed and fully fifty badly injured by the collapse of the roof of Tuesday, Nov. 27th, with a part of Gen the Pacific Glass Works on 15th street, San Francisco, Cal., on Thursday last, ing loot captured at Dewetsdorr. The while it was crowded with men and boys Boers retreated, abandoning a portion watching a football game on the field ad-De Wet were in close proximity to the and glass vats below. All were horribly the British. The Boers were so ten- the seven deaths already reported there Even if Quebec were the whole of acious that Col, Pilcher's men actually will be several more. The fires in the furreached a position within thirty yards naces had been started for the first time and others were slowly roasted to death Some of the dead are boys, ranging in age from 10 to 15 years, and many of them were badly mangled. More than 200 In almost endless variety at less cost than you'd think people were on the roof when it collapsed, and of these at least 60 went down with possible, a crash. Charles Yost, overman of the glass works, was raking the fire when the crash came, and he narrowiy escaped being struck by the falling bodies. He said that Come direct to headquarters for your those killed either struck the heavy bands that surrounded the glass oven or were command appears to have broken up crushed by others falling on them. Many ceeded in staying their descent for a ment by holding on to the broken beams, but before they could be reached they were obliged to let go their hold and drop to the foor, a distance of 45 feet. Clarence Jeter. a furnace tender, pulled two people out of the top of the retorts where the heat was about 500 degrees. Some of the men and boys were drawn away from the retorts The lad will probably die. The manager to a general in the British army. Lord of the glass works states that it was impos Kitchener is the youngest lieuterant sible for them to keep the people off their buildings. They disclaim any responsi born in 1850, and entered the army in bility for the accident. It is estimated that over 300 people were on the ventilator of 100 feet. Some were thrown to the rear of the building and escaped unhurt. Kitchener, in his capacity of command- Of those who fell into the structure nearly all were killed or seriously maimed.

KRUGER NOT WANTED IN GERMANY

Mr. Kruger has abandoned his pro posed visite to Barlin owing to the re ceipt of an official telegram that Emperor William regrets in consequence of previous arrangements he will be un able to receive him. He telegraphed to this effect Monday afternoon.

The Cologne Gazette, in an inspired communique, says; "Mr. Eruger's visite is not agreeable in Germany, his aim being to obtain intervention in political mistake, it would be even a great crime to allow him to entertain even a spark of hope that Germany will render him any practical sup-

This declaration is accompanied with reproaches, Mr. Kruger being charge with "having encouraged a useless guerilla warfare and having disregarded Germany's advice when he might still have followed it." The press generally strike the same

NO SHOW IN AUSTRIA.

In response to confidential inquiries as to whether ex-President Kruger would be welcome here," says the Vienna correspondent of the Daily Mail, "a polite reply was returned to the effect that the Emperor Francis Joseph hee made other arrangements for the next few weeks." The Vienna correspondent of the Chronicle says "Kruger will not visit Vienna or

PRIVATE John Harris, who was wounded at Paardeberg on the morning of Cron ie's surrender, left here yesterday for Montreal to undergo an operation with a view to saving his arm.

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