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"And Yet There Is a Large Balance to the Good and an Available Surplus of Assets in Government Trust Funds, Drainage Debentures, Etc., Amounting to Millions of Dollars Over and Above Every Obligation, Present or Future."—Hon. Richard Harcourt, in His Annual Statement.

Hon. Richard Harcourt Delivers His Budget Speech—He Denies That the Province is Going Behind and Gives a Mass of Figures to Prove His Contention—The Cost of Public Institutions and a Comparison With That of Similar Institutions in the United States—Every Expenditure, He Claims, Lessened the Burdens of the Municipalities—Col. Matheson Replies and Takes an Entirely Different View of the Situation.

In the Legislature yesterday Hon. R. Harcourt devoted four hours to an explanation of the financial affairs of the province, or, in other words, the budget speech. He began at 3.30, spoke till 6 o'clock, and, resuming at 8 o'clock, talked for two hours more. He figured out an excess of receipts over expenditures of half a million dollars for the year now closing, and boasted that the Government had now over and above all liabilities a clear surplus of between two and three millions.

Then Mr. Matheson, the Opposition financier, talked for an hour, and demonstrated about as clearly that the Government was fast driving the province to bankruptcy. According to his arrangement of the figures, the Government has a deficit this year of about a quarter of a million, and will have another next year of half a million more, bringing the total falling behind of the administration for the present Parliament up to a million and a half of dollars.

The Provincial Treasurer began by noting that the accounts in the hands of the members related only to ten months of the current year, and that at the earliest hour possible the accounts for the remaining months of November and December would be brought down.

The total receipts for the ten months ending Oct. 31, he went on, were $3,698,289. They exceeded the estimate for the whole year by $482,000. The receipts for the ten months were considerably larger than for the corresponding period since 1893, or $208,609 more than the province received all last year. The main source of increase was in the receipts from Crown Lands. The average yearly receipts from this department for 26 years had been $978,261. For the whole of last year the province received $925,282, but for the ten months of this year there had been received $1,390,188. From the sale of Crown Lands Ontario received this year $84,405, from rents, mining leases $154,735, and from woods and forests $1,132,283. Ontario sold during the year 1594 miles of timber lands, obtaining for it $265,162, or $1665 per mile. The province received, up to the end of October, from this sale $88,812. The balance was still outstanding. The Sandfield Macdonald Government realized on its sales $260.41 per mile on the average. Seven sales had been held in 26 years, and had realized an average of $1221.67. The sales made this year were of berths in the Wahnapitae mineral district, and had to be sold to avert the destruction of the timber by fire.

The Treasury Receipts.

The province received as interest for the year on trust bonds and investments $234,587, $212,414 from the Dominion Government, and the balance, $22,233, from drainage debentures and bank deposits.

The receipts from liquor licenses were $289,157. The revenue from city licenses is $116,102.12, and from licenses in municipalities other than cities $154,995. The revenue from brewers and distillers was $18,000. The revenue from the city licenses had thus increased $3540, and that from licenses in other municipalities had decreased $556. In five years the number of tavern, shop and wholesale licenses has decreased by 273. The number issued in 1874 was 6185, and last year 3096. The License Act of last year would contribute largely in the next five years to a still further diminution of the number.

The sum of $115,104, representing what was called "casual revenue," was made up of more than 20 miscellaneous items of receipts, the largest of which was that of $35,840 received as fees for charters of incorporation. From marriage licenses Ontario received $2000. In 1869 the Sandfield-Macdonald Government received $31,531 from this source.

The receipts from the Insurance Department were $25,000.

The Sale of Annuities.

Ontario received from the sale of annuities this year $156,342. The amount sold was smaller than that for any previous year. The railway obligations were decreasing rapidly, and by four years from now they would be reduced by $80,000. In 1884, the date of the first sale, the purchaser received 4½ per cent. interest, but this year's purchasers would get only 3¼ per cent.

The Treasurer estimated that the receipts from succession duties would be $175,000, but up to date they totalled only $96,376. Only 50 out of 3000 estates came within the act. The County of York paid half the total sum received. Since the passage of the act in 1892 the Province had received in all $744,376 from succession duties.

The Expenditure.

The Province expended during the 10 months of the year for the maintenance of public institutions $692,059. This was more than one-fifth of all the expenditures. The Province spent for this purpose during 1896 $705,567.

The daily average population of the seven large asylums was 4851. The annual cost per patient was, therefore, $126.28 this year, as against $134.55 last year. Of every $100 the Province spent, nearly $22 went for the support of these institutions, and yet Ontario had succeeded in keeping the asylum expenditures considerably under those of the State of New York. If the same average rate of maintenance of inmates was charged in Ontario as in the American institutions, it would mean an increased expenditure of $161,476 a year. The average weekly cost per capita for maintenance in six American asylums was $3.16, but in Ontario the corresponding figure is $2.43.

Expenditure for Education.

Ontario had spent under the head of education this year $673,189, as compared with $702,457 last year. Out of every $100 the Province spent $19 in support of schools. In 1877 the expenditure was $570,799.

For hospitals and charities, the Province had given this year $192,694. For agriculture, $168,052, as compared with $130,567 last year. For the administration of justice, $358,642 had been spent, while 10 years ago the expenditure was $324,495. This would indicate in what ways the expenditures increased. In each case the additional expenditure carried with it relief to the municipalities.

Below the Estimate.

The total expenditures for 1897 would be considerably less than the House authorized. Did not this show an earnest desire to economize? It was also to be remembered that the total expenditures had decreased from $4,158,159 in 1891 to $3,703,379 in 1896.

"I can assure you that the total for 1897 will be less still."

To hon. gentlemen opposite he would say: Was it the policy of the Sandfield Macdonald Government to keep adding to the surplus year by year, and thus form a large reserve fund, to be constantly increased by yearly accumulations?

No Government: the speaker knew of had ever adopted such a policy. When Sandfield Macdonald left office he had an available cash surplus of less than $1,350,000, notwithstanding that friends opposite had recently stated that his surplus amounted to $4,000,000. Whatever the surplus was at the end of 1871, when Sandfield Macdonald left office it was greatly added to in 1872 and 1873, as well as in later years by the Mowat Government. In 1872 and 1873, the first two years of the Mowat Government, the surplus was increased by $800,000, and since then there had never been an instant of time when Ontario has not had a surplus of millions of dollars. To day, allowing for every possible liability, present and future, the Province had an available cash surplus of at least from two to three millions. Opponents evidently sought to conceal that fact from the people.

Surplus of Millions.

This surplus of millions existed, despite the fact that the Province had up to the present time expended $6,500,000 in railway aid, over $3,000,000 in the surplus distribution policy, as opposed to a policy of hoarding.

The Government would also remind its critics that the Ontario of to-day was twice as large, territorially, as it was in Sandfield Macdonald's time; that it had 600,000 more people to govern, and that the irreducible minimum of demands on the Treasury was to day four or five times as great as it then was. The Sandfield Macdonald Government gave no aid to railways, but the Mowat Government had spent $6,500,000 in opening up the country.

Of the sum of $70,200 spent in 1896 for educational purposes only $13,300 was objected to by the Opposition, and their objections only showed their shortsightedness. Then the appropriation of 1896 for agriculture was $192,000, while that of the Sandfield Macdonald Government was only $76,000. In 1896 the different charities were given $196,000, while in 1871 they got but $40,000; so that in education, agriculture and charity the Macdonald Administration spent in four years $1,715,528, while from 1893 to 1896, inclusive, the present Government spent $4,198,919. So that, by pinching these down to the narrow limits of the Macdonald Administration, the Province could have added in four years to the surplus $2,483,090. In other words, it gave back that much to the people more than the Macdonald Administration would have given in a like period.

"Does not," he asked, "this prove conclusively the utter absurdity of comparing the expenditures of our early years with those of recent years?"

Government's Liberality.

In like manner, he claimed that for administration of justice, education, public institutions maintenance, agriculture and arts, hospitals and charities, colonization roads and railway aid, the present Government spent in four years $10,019,220, while the Macdonald Government spent in a like

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Important Typewriter Patent.

The United States Patent Office on Nov. 30, 1897, issued to the Smith-Premier Typewriter Company patent No. 594,706, which will be far-reaching in its effect upon the typewriter industry, controlling as it does a principal feature of the modern typewriter.

Jebb, the well-known Eye Specialist, will be at the Rossin House Drug Store Dec. 16th and 17th only.

Ward No. Three.

Mr. A. F. Webster, the well-known railway and steamboat passenger agent, has been solicited by many of his friends to allow himself to be nominated for alderman in No. Three Ward for the ensuing year. Mr. Webster has not, as yet, given a decided answer. He desires a few days in which to consider the matter. If Mr. Webster could be induced to run and should be elected, he would prove a great acquisition to the Council for 1898. He is shrewd, far-seeing, business man, well posted as to the requirements of the citizens, opposed to over-taxation and the reckless expenditure of public moneys. No better man could possibly be selected for a seat in the Council of 1898 than Mr. A. F. Webster.

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IN DOUBT.

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NORTHWEST BUTTER.

The Output of the Sixteen Creameries Was Nearly Half a Million Pounds—South Indian Rebuilt.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The total quantity of butter manufactured in the creameries of the Northwest Territories last summer amounted to 478,873 pounds. There were 16 creameries in operation, where there had been but three the previous year. Arrangements are being made to pack the butter from these creameries for the Japan and Klondike trade. West Indian trade will likewise be developed, and the butter from the Nappan Farm in Nova Scotia will be shipped there.

Mrs. McKay, wife of the late Thomas MacKay of the MacKay Milling Co., died yesterday at her home, "Elmbank," Bank-street-road, after a lengthy illness. The deceased lady was a daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Masson of Kingston, and has lived in Ottawa for 38 years. Mr. T. MacKay of the MacKay Milling Co., and Mr. William MacKay, barrister, of this city, two sons and a daughter, are left to mourn the death of a loving mother.

Mayor Bingham was called to Rockland yesterday on personal business. While returning he dropped off at South Indian to see how the burned town is rising from its ashes. Before the fire, most of the houses "stood on stilts," now nearly all have substantial stone foundations. The business places are nearly all re-built, and things are assuming their old-time appearance—even a better appearance.

MOTOR CARRIAGE BALKED.

Slippery Asphalt Caused a Mix-Up With a Coal Van—Bridal Couple Upset.

New York, Dec. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Barnes of Boston, a bridal couple, were the occupants of a motor carriage that became unmanageable on 22nd-street this morning. The slippery asphalt afforded no hold for the rear wheels, and when the motorman tried to get out of the way of an approaching coal van the machine spun around in a circle and started backwards. Finally the carriage collided with the van, was upset, and spilled its occupants. The motorman was somewhat hurt and the bridal couple badly frightened. This is the first accident of the kind chronicled here.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W. Open all night. Bath and bed $1.

Fyfe Missionary Society.

A large number of the McMaster students and their friends were present at the annual public meeting of the Fyfe Missionary Society, which was held last evening in Walmer-road Baptist Church. Dr. Goodspeed occupied the chair and called upon the secretary of the society to read his annual report, which was exceedingly satisfactory. It stated that there were 176 members on the roll, that there were 60 students preaching, 84 churches had been supplied by the society, 6000 visits made, and 2700 sermons preached; also that the students had raised $208 to cover expenses. Rev. E. Harris moved the adoption of the report, and Rev. J. B. Warwicker seconded the motion, which was carried. Rev. Alex. Sutherland delivered the address of the evening. He exhorted the members to become thorough Bible students. Many young ministers went out, knowing everything else but this Book and were, therefore, failures.

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IT WAS A CONTINUED FIGHT

Tribesmen Harassed Gen. Westmacott's Brigade Severely.

British Losses Were Heavy, But the Troops Behaved Gallantly and Advanced in Spite of the Deadly Fire—Mud, Rain and Snow Impeded Progress Much—The Enemy Suffered Heavily.

Simla, Dec. 14.—According to official despatches from the northwestern frontier, the march of General Westmacott's brigade from the camp at Sher-Khel into the Stutt-Khel Country was one continuous action.

The enemy closed upon the rear guard and kept firing at short range with great

The British losses were heavy and included Lieut. West of the Gourkhas, who was killed, and Lieut. Champin, who was wounded. Two other officers received injuries and 40 men were killed or wounded.

The whole march down the Bara Valley since the sixth instant has been marked by incessant fighting, but the force has behaved admirably. The route was difficult in the extreme, through rain, mud and snow. Along the river bed, the course was impeded by ravines and boulders and the icy cold stream had to be forded knee deep 20 times, in the mire.

Twelve thousand transport animals, with the numerous sick and wounded, encumbered the progress. The casualties yesterday were about 50 and to-day about 10. The enemy has been severely punished in the recent encounters.

The disaster to General Kempster's rear guard, that was cut off by the tribesmen on Saturday near Sher-Khel, was due to the animals becoming entangled in the rice fields at dusk. To increase the difficulty the drivers and carriers opened kegs of rum and became hopelessly drunk. Many of their followers were benumbed by the icy stream, and their feet bruised by the boulders. Several men are still missing.

Pember's Turkish Baths 75c. Evening 5c. Bath and Bed $1. 127 Yonge.

F. F.'s at Dineens'.

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Final Notice.

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GAMBLING DIVE RAIDED.

Montreal Police Scooped in a Party of Over Seventy People—The Place Was in Full Blast.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The police to-night raided the Society of Sculptors' premises on St. Lawrence Main-street. The place was in full blast at the time and the manager, his staff and some 70 frequenters of the place, were arrested and taken to the police station. They will be brought before the court on a charge of gambling.

Another case of Lloyd, Attree & Smith's English ties and collars at Varcoe's, Rossin Block. 136

Caledonian's Officers.

The Caledonian Society held a special meeting last night in St. George's Hall, to receive the secretary's report and to nominate officers for the ensuing term. Dr. Clark was unanimously re-elected president, as were also the first vice-president, Geo. Vair, and second vice-president, James Missie. The following were nominated to act on a committee of 14: R. Swan, Wm. Adamson, William Campbell, R. U. McPherson, R. Barron, D. R. McLean, Hugh Miller, John Goulnlock, John Imrie, Douglas Scott, Inspector Stark, D. M. Robertson, Robert Love, William Simpson, Wm. Beattie, W. McKenzie Whyte, F. S. Mearnus, Alex. Asher, James Wilson, R. Waldrum, D. T. McIntosh, Thomas Armstrong and J. Wilson Gray. The secretary and treasurer will be appointed by the committee when chosen. The treasurer's report showed the expenditure for the year to be $15.85 more than the receipts.

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Japan Formally Protests.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 14.—The Japanese Consul has formally protested to the Premier, the Hon. G. H. Reid, against the unfriendly character of the proposed legislation as to aliens.

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Mining Company Wound Up.

On the petition of a creditor, an order has been made by a British Columbia judge winding up the Ibex Mining and Development Company.

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Rev. W. W. Bates appeared in the Police Court yesterday on a charge of shop-lifting at Eaton's. His counsel secured a remand for a few days.

There is, as yet, no word regarding the whereabouts of Rev. R. J. Heanson, the young curate who has been missing since a week ago last Friday.

PERSONAL.

G. E. McPherson, Stratford, is at the Rossin.

Dr. White, Ottawa, is a guest at the Queen's.

W. J. McKee, Windsor, is a guest at the Queen's.

J. S. Hobbs, London, is registered at the Queen's.

Miss Arnold, Rat Portage, is a guest at the Walker.

THE FAST ATLANTIC LINE.

Possibly the Canadian Government May Have to Revert to the Old Plan and Higher Subsidy.

London, Dec. 14.—(Montreal Star Cable.)—"Messrs. Peterson, Tait & Co. have not yet given up all hope of success in the fast mail steamship negotiations. They have a beautiful model of the proposed new turret ships on exhibition at the Hotel Metropole. It is understood that Sir William White, Director of Naval Construction under the British Government, has expressed himself as very much pleased with the proposed character of the ships, which, if placed on the Canadian route, would revolutionize the trans-Atlantic passenger and freight services. But financiers still seem timid. Even Mr. Petersen's warmest friends are beginning to show impatience at the small progress of the negotiations. If Mr. Petersen should fail, the general idea in circles in no way connected with steamship rivalries, is that the Government must revert to the old and higher subsidy and bring into the project well-established Canadian interests, which are most concerned in the diversion of trans-Atlantic travel to the Canadian routes.

Sir Charles Tupper expects to sail for Canada to-morrow. His speech at yesterday's meeting of the New Gold Fields of British Columbia fills three and a half columns of the financial papers. He gave a glowing account of the gold prospects.

Mr. Crandall, special agent of the Canadian Department of Agriculture, returns to Canada on the Mongolian on Thursday, after five months' superintending experimental shipments of creamery butter, pears, plums, peaches, grapes and tomatoes. He says the results have been most encouraging, thanks to Canada's preferential policy. But traders and consumers show a decided inclination in favor of Canadian, as against the United States or other foreign produce. Price and quality being equal, they say, we will buy from those who buy from us. The prospects for next season's trade are of the brightest."

VICE-REGAL MOVEMENTS.

Yesterday afternoon Their Excellencies, attended by Captain Witherforce, A.D.C., visited the Asylum for the Insane. They were received by Dr. Clark, the superintendent, and members of the staff, also Mr. Christie, the Government Inspector. A large number of the patients, who were assembled in the hall, were, after a few introductory words by Dr. Clark, briefly addressed by the Governor-General. At the special request of Dr. Clark, Lady Aberdeen also spoke a few words. Afterwards Their Excellencies went through the various wards, and, before leaving, expressed themselves as most favorably impressed by what they had seen of the arrangements and methods of the institution.

The Countess of Aberdeen, accompanied by Lady Marjorie Gordon and Miss Wisdom, visited St. Hilda's College.

There was an evening party at Government House last night.

To-day Their Excellencies will visit St. Michael's College at 3.30, and subsequently St. Joseph's Academy.

At 8 p.m. the Governor-General will be present at the annual meeting of the West Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association.

Her Excellency will be present at the Diamond Jubilee Fair.

Later Their Excellencies will together be present at the meeting in connection with the Boys' Institute, Nelson-street.

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Jebb, the well-known Eye Specialist, will be at the Rossin House Drug Store Dec. 16th and 17th only.

Christmas Gifts.

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DEATHS.

SIMPSON—At his residence, 90 Bloor-st. east, Toronto, on Tuesday, Dec. 14, Robert Simpson, aged 63 years.

Funeral on Thursday, 16th inst., at 2.30 o'clock, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

TINLEY—At his late residence, 296 George-street, on Sunday, Dec. 12, George Edward Tinley, aged 47 years.

Funeral at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

MARRIAGES.

MILLETT-FOSTER—On Sept. 7, 1897, by the Rev. J. R. Cruikenhead, Mathew Richard Millett, son of the late John Millett, to Clarelaine, eldest daughter of Frank Foster, Esq., of Chester, Ont.

DOVER CASTLE ON FIRE

An English Fortress Threatened With Destruction.

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The Place is One of Great Historic Interest, and is Supposed to Have Been Built in the Days of Claudius—Death of Prof. Arthur Palmer, Who Was Born in Guelph, Ont., and Reached High Eminence—Cable News.

Dover, England, Dec. 14.—Fire broke out in the Castle here this morning, soon gutted the officers' quarters and extended to the main block. The whole garrison was ordered out to fight the flames, and the magazine was threatened. The eastern portion of the castle was completely gutted, and the flames spread to the western portion, but were under control at 4 p.m.

The outbreak is supposed to have been due to an overheated chimney. There was some difficulty at first in getting water, and this caused great excitement, but the entire garrison was utilized in passing buckets from hand to hand to fill the tanks, and the supply thus obtained proved sufficient.

Owing to the exertions of the garrison in removing the valuables, the property damage was comparatively small, and very much less than was at first expected.

Dover Castle is on the cliffs above Dover, and is more like a fortress than any of the other defences in England. Julius Caesar is credited with building the foundations and part of the present fortress, although recent antiquarians assert it was built between the years A.D. 43 and 49, during the reign of Claudius. The Saxon portion of the fortress is presumed to have been commenced by Alfred the Great, and the foundation of the present keep is said to have originated with Gundulph, Bishop of Rochester, about the year 1153. The castle now covers about 36 acres of ground. Among its most attractive features are a curious piece of brass ordnance, cast in 1554, and known as "Queen Elizabeth's Pocket Pistol"; Peveret's Tower, so called after an illegitimate son of the Norman conqueror, who had command of the post; the square Keep, rising 100 feet from the ground and 370 feet above the sea, from which a grand view is obtained; the famous well, 400 feet deep, which was once an important feature of the tower, but is now arched over, for the better security of the public; the old Roman church and the pharos or lighthouse. The barracks accommodate about 2000 men.

DISTINGUISHED CANADIAN DEAD.

Prof. Arthur Palmer, Born at Guelph, Ont., Made a High Mark.

London, Dec. 14.—Prof. Arthur Palmer, LL.D., D.C.L., of Trinity College, Dublin, is dead.

The late Dr. Palmer was born at Guelph, Canada, Sept. 14, 1841, being the fourth son of the late Venerable Arthur Palmer, first rector of Guelph, Archdeacon of Toronto. He married Miss Fanny Green of Cloveden in 1879. He was educated at Guelph Grammar School, Cheltenham College and Trinity College, Dublin. In 1880 he was appointed professor of Latin at Trinity College, and in 1888 was public orator. He edited the Satires of Horace, the Amphitruo of Plautus and Catullus in Macmillan Parnassus series, and "Hermathena." He was also editor of P. Ovidii Heroides XIV., and of Sex Properzii Elegiae.

In Memory of Prince Albert.

Windsor, Eng., Dec. 14.—There were the usual services at Frogmore to-day, this being the anniversary of the death of the Prince Consort, and of Princess Alice. The Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein and the Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, were present.

A Very Swell Gathering.

London, Dec. 14.—The Prince and Princess of Wales, Princess Victoria of Wales and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark are scheduled to arrive at Welbeck Abbey, the famous seat of the Duke of Portland, near Worksop, Nottingham, this evening. The guests will include the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Mr. A. J. Balfour, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain and Lady Randolph Churchill.

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Wellington, New Zealand, Dec. 14.—The House of Representatives to-day passed a resolution submitted by the Premier, the Hon. Richard J. Seddon, in favor of establishing a fortnightly mail service between Wellington and San Francisco and between Wellington and Vancouver, B. C.

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