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More than a month has elapsed since the close of the fiscal year; but we have no public statement as to the financial transactions of the Province for the year closed on September 30th last. We have to conduct this election campaign on public accounts more than a year old. We may be very sure however, that the deficit for the last year is well up to the \$100,000 mark. All the evidence extant point in that direction. Surely it is time for a change of Government.

In this issue is published the report of the Opposition members of the public accounts committee at the last session of the Legislature. This report shows how the Government have manipulated the figures of revenue and expenditure, and how they prevented the truth from being ascertained by forbidding witnesses to give evidence before the public accounts committee. Why should the Government wish to conceal the date of the reception of the \$35,000 from Ottawa, if it was a proper thing to enter the money, as if received two months before it came? As a matter of fact the whole \$35,000 was not received. \$19,500 were retained by the Dominion Government for two years interest on the Hillsborough Bridge. Only \$15,500 were actually received.

In his budget speech at the last session of the Legislature, Premier Haszard admitted a prospective deficit on the 30th of September, 1908, of \$7,137. But we may be sure that seven times seven thousand would be nearer the mark. As a matter of fact, statements submitted to the Legislature by the Premier relative to the financial condition of the Province on the 29th February last, plainly indicate that the deficit on the 30th September last was very likely nearer \$107,000 than \$7,000. The Premier intimated, at the same time, that he expected to borrow, if possible, \$40,000 on debentures. This would add \$40,000 to the debt of the Province. In the face of these plain statements the Patriot subtracts the \$7,000 admitted prospective deficit from the \$40,000 of borrowed money and calls the balance of the debenture debt a surplus. Surely this is a most cold-blooded manner of lying. In the face of this false, hypocritical and misleading statement, no one can be expected to regard the Patriot as a respectable Journal. This goes beyond all reason in political lying.

The Budget Speech.

We observe that the Patriot is publishing, in serial form, the budget speech delivered by Premier Haszard at the last session of the Legislature. The speech was delivered on the last day of March, and we published an editorial criticism of it in the HERALD of April 8th. That criticism is just as true now as it was then, so we reproduce it, as the most appropriate answer to the Patriot's resuscitated balderdash. The editorial in the HERALD of April 8th is as follows:

"On Tuesday evening of last week, Premier Haszard delivered in the Legislature, what is commonly known as the budget speech; the speech in which the financial condition of the Province is supposed to be made known, and in which the ways and means

to meet the necessary expenditure are expected to be made public. This is the most important announcement that any government is called upon to make; because it deals with questions that are vital to the very existence of the administration. In this speech is expected to be unfolded the methods to be adopted to raise sufficient revenue to carry on the public service. The people; the tax-payers, have to furnish the money for the purposes of government; therefore they are always deeply interested in the annual financial statement, and have a right to be informed as to the manner in which the money supplies already furnished have been expended. This is their inalienable prerogative under our system of representative government. The different phases of our Provincial finances, and a general review of the actions and conduct of the Government of the day are expected in a budget speech.

Bearing in mind, in a general way, what the essentials of a budget speech should be, and applying the test to the deliverance of Premier Haszard on this occasion, it is no exaggeration to say that it was a disappointment and a failure in every particular. Instead of reviewing in a reasonable and practical manner the financial transactions of his Government for the past year, and endeavoring to justify the conduct of his party since their advent to power seventeen years ago, he immediately plunged into ancient history. He spent one hour of his hour and three quarters speech, discussing political events in this Province, as far back as thirty years ago. Instead of making any attempt to justify the debt, deficits and deception of his Government and his party, for the last seventeen years, he devoted his time to a discussion of the actions of the Conservative Government that held power here from 1879 to 1891. Among other things he had a good word to say for the Davies tax act. It must have been on the principle that nothing but good should be said of the dead; for it is very likely this was the first time the tax act ever received a word of praise. Extraordinary to relate, the Premier trotted out that venerable chestnut, that has done duty for the last twenty odd years, the \$200,000 withdrawn from capital. He was at great pains to show what the interest on that sum, compounded, would amount to at the present day. Surely our public affairs, under the present administration, must be in a deplorable condition, when the Premier devoted so much time to these puerilities, in the hope of diverting public attention and obscuring the real issues before the people.

"Another important announcement of one of Hon. Mr. Haszard's predecessors in the Premiership, was forgotten or overlooked by him. When Mr. Frederick Peters came into office he asked the Legislature to empower him to issue debentures to the amount of \$185,000, to wipe off the existing debt of \$128,000 and make some repairs to the Provincial Building. After that there would be a clean sheet and there would be no more debt. He obtained the necessary authority and issued the debentures. But the debt and deficits did not stop and have gone on ever since, as we have shown. Why did not Premier Haszard have the manliness to make this his starting point in his review of our political history? The history of our politics from that time to the present, would be the history of his own party and his own Government. One would think he would delight to show their record. But no, he was so ashamed of this record that he scarcely alluded to it at all. Not much wonder.

"The Premier estimates the expenditure for this year at \$378,968 and he places the revenue at \$371,831. This leaves a deficit of \$7,137. Thus the Premier admits a deficit at the start; but we may be very sure it will be much larger than \$7,000. If it stops at five times seven it will be well within the mark. But this is not all, the Government intends to borrow \$40,000 on debentures; adding at once that much more to the debt of the Province. This will bring the expenditure up to \$418,968. We wish here to call attention to the manner in which the Patriot has manipulated these figures. The Premier, as we have shown, admitted a prospective deficit on the years transactions, of something over \$7,000, and made the additional statement that \$40,000 would be raised on debentures, if possible, bringing the total expenditure well up to \$412,000. This \$40,000 is that

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"After twelve years of office, after remitting taxes amounting to about \$360,000, and collecting only \$83,000 taxes the Conservative Government went out of power leaving a Provincial debt of only \$128,000. Of this amount \$51,000 were inherited as a legacy from the Davies Government; consequently only \$77,000 can properly be chargeable to the Conservatives. Were we to apply the rule of the Liberals and compute the compound interest on this amount, the debt properly chargeable to the Conservatives would be reduced to less than \$25,000. On this our Liberal friends have built until they have got the huge bulk up to \$1,000,000. Their multiplication of taxes; their rolling up of deficits; their piling up of our Provincial debt, have all been effected in direct violation of their solemn promises to the people. Mr. Frederick Peters, the Premier in 1891 declared that the era of deficits was at an end; revenue and expenditure were henceforth to meet, and the day of taxation was far off. Taxation was not to be inaugurated without consulting the electorate. These pledges were all violated. These are some of the elements in the record of his party and his Government to which the Premier failed to direct attention. The exposition of these salient features of his party's record are of far more vital importance to the people who pay the taxes than his delving into ancient history. The Government of the day stands condemned before the people of this Province on every phase of its record; but the Premier conveniently passes over these unpleasant considerations and discusses political matters of a generation ago. It is a wonder he did not go back to the days of Moses.

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 In New York, on October 27th, John Delaney, beloved husband of Ellen D. Delaney, (nee Lannan.) May her soul rest in peace.
 In Charlottetown, on Wednesday night, 4th inst., Alice Maud Mary, beloved wife of Chief Justice Sullivan, aged 62 years, leaving to mourn a disconsolate husband, three sons and three daughters. May her soul rest in peace.

At the Charlottetown Hospital, on Friday evening, Nov. 6th, Lola Maria, relict of the late Dr. James Fraser, St. Peter's, aged 62 years, leaving three sons to mourn. May her soul rest in peace.

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| Turkeys per lb..... | 0.00 to 0.00 |
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Political Meetings

The undersigned, Opposition Candidates, will address the electors of the Second District of King's County, on Provincial public questions, at the following places on the dates named, viz:

Monticello, on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd,
 St. Peter's, Wednesday, Nov. 4th.
 Forest Hill, Thursday, Nov. 5th.
 Morell, Friday, Nov. 6th.
 Cherry Hill, Tuesday, Nov. 10th.
 Peake's Station, Wednesday, Nov. 11th.

The meetings in all cases will commence at 7 o'clock p.m.

The opposing Government candidates are respectfully invited to attend and participate in the meetings.

JAMES McISAAC,
 H. D. McEWEN.
 Oct. 28, 1908—21

REPORT

THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Submitted at the Last Session of the Legislature.

This is the report of the Public Accounts Committee submitted at the last session of the Legislature by Messrs A L Fraser and Archibald J. Macdonald.

REPORT.

That the Public Accounts Committee first met on the 20th day of March, more than three weeks after the opening of the Session.

The Committee proceeded to enquire into the receipts for the fiscal year ending 30th September, 1907.

The privilege of examining witnesses was refused to Counsel.

Mr. Arthur Newbery, Assistant Provincial Secretary, was called and examined. When questioned as to the time of the receipt of the additional subsidy, he stated that he knew the date of the receipt but could not give the information to the Committee without the consent of the Premier. He was permitted to leave the Committee for the purpose of asking for such consent, and a short time afterwards returned and stated that the Premier had instructed him not to give the information. Mr. Balderston, the Auditor, was also examined on this matter but refused to give any definite answer, saying that he could not tell, that he was not quite sure, when it was received.

Mr. Newbery was next examined as to the receipts and expenditure from 30th September, 1907, to 31st December, 1907. He stated that he had the information prepared, but could not finish it to the Committee without the Premier's consent. He was again permitted by the Committee to consult the Premier and again returned stating that the Premier had instructed him to refuse to give the information asked for.

The Committee adjourned to meet again on the 24th day of March, but no subsequent meeting was held, and your Committee found that it was useless to proceed further with any enquiry in view of the Premier's action above referred to, and of the ruling that witnesses could not be examined under oath.

Your Committee regret that the promise of the Government to prepare and publish the Departmental Reports and the Auditor's statement of the Public Accounts before the meeting of the Legislature in each year has not been kept, but on the contrary the Reports were delayed until the Session was far advanced, and it thereby became impossible to submit them to that rigorous examination which the public interests demands. The object for which the end of the fiscal year was changed from the 31st December to 30th September, has thus been defeated, and the change has only served the purpose of confusing and falsifying the Public Accounts.

The claim made by the Government that the last financial year ending 30th September, 1907, shows a surplus is utterly unfounded. In order to support that claim they have credited in the receipts of the said year \$35,000 which was not received for two months after the Accounts for that year had closed. They have credited to Casual Revenue the sum of \$5,000, received from fire insurance on Summerside Court House and have charged to Capital Account the moneys expended for repairing the same building after the fire.

The Capital Account as kept by the Government is a useless and misleading system. Road Machines to the amount of \$7,978 have been placed in that account, charges for rights of way never opened for public use and temporary repairs of all kinds abound there. Even the cost of tearing down an old bridge is charged in this Account, which serves no purpose except to conceal the actual account of the deficit in each year.

The Committee regret that owing to the refusal of the Government to furnish the statement of the receipts and expenditures up to the end of the last calendar year it is not possible to make an exact comparison with former years, nor to state precisely the amount of the deficit for the past fiscal year, but from the incomplete information at hand your Committee submit the following as a fair statement of the deficit and liabilities for the year ending 30th September, 1907.

Total expenditure as shown by Public Accounts \$361,158.94
 Total receipts as shown by Public Accounts \$350,479.08
 Deduct subsidy not received until 30th November, 1907 35,000.00

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| Actual receipts..... | 315,479.00 |
| Deficit..... | 45,679.85 |
| Interest on Loans Payable on call..... | 11,004.83 |
| Deferred payments of which a statement was refused, estimated at..... | 16,191.00 |
| Balance on contracts..... | 72,875.18 |
| | 37,113.17 |

Amount required to pay off debts and liabilities incurred year ending 30th September, 1907, 109,989.85
 Deficit on 3 months ending on 31st December, 1906, was 43,000.00
 Taking the same amount as the deficit on same period of 1907 and allowing for subsidy received 30th November 35,000.00
 The net deficit on 3 months would be 8,000.00

Debts and liabilities 31st December, 1907 \$117,989.85
 Your committee estimate that on the 30th day of September next the debts and liabilities of this Province will amount to \$1,000,000.

The Committee also find that during the last fiscal year the Government has paid out and expended \$11,509.94 without legislative grant or warrant of any kind and that since the close of the said year they have paid out in the like unlawful manner sums estimated to exceed \$25,000.

In the case of Summerside Jail and Court House alone the sum of \$12,892 in excess of the Legislative grant has been expended.

In conclusion your Committee deem it their duty to call attention to the alarming growth of the Provincial Debt occasioned in great part by the expenditure of public money without vote of the House or warrant of the Lieutenant Governor. This unconstitutional procedure has taken away from the Legislature and thus from the people all control over the expenditure of the people's money and is subversive of the first principles of Responsible Government.

(Signed) A. L. FRASER,
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