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Our Provincial Finances.

In our last issue, we threw some light on the Patriot's juggling with figures in its bare faced attempt to deceive the public, especially the electors of the Cardigan District, regarding the Provincial finances. The Auditor's report on the public accounts for the last fiscal year places the Provincial debt at \$863,206.45. We know the debt must be a good deal more than that; but even accepting the Government's figures, for argument sake, all will admit the case is bad enough. We showed, in our last issue, that \$747,788.76 of this debt was piled up by the Liberal Government since their assumption of office in 1891. The deficits set out in the public accounts, by the Government's sworn auditor, during all these years make up this amount. The figures are there in black and white and cannot be denied. As stated above, we have no doubt the debt and deficits of the Liberal Government are very much more than they publish in their blue books; but taking the figures of their own sworn officials, the record is sufficient to condemn the Government in the estimation of all reasonable and honorable men.

The Patriot, in its brazen attempt to deceive the people by dishing up a fictitious and preposterous financial statement overreaches itself and makes itself extremely ridiculous. It draws on its imagination for a statement to be used against the Conservatives; but were this statement to be considered the debt of the Province would now be \$1,544,398. We know the debt is more than \$863,206.45; but we never suspected it was over a million and a half, as the Patriot's juggling would make it. Perhaps it is that much. The Patriot's statement of the Provincial debt, running concurrently with the record of deficits in the Auditor's reports, shows an increase of about \$40,000 from 1908 to 1909. How much would the increase be between 1909 and 1910? Perhaps \$50,000. At this rate of increasing the debt we shall soon have a burden of \$2,000,000. The only way to prevent this is to turn the Government out. This must be evident from the Government organ's exposition of the public debt.

Turning from the Patriot's presentation of the Provincial debt statements to the figures presented in the blue books, we find, as we have shown, deficits to the tune of \$747,788.76 rolled up by the Liberal Government that promised to put and end to deficits. But the Government are by no means done with deficits; they are bound to sustain their reputation for debt, deficits and deception. Premier Hazard in his budget speech at the last session of the Legislature admitted a prospective deficit of \$38,235, on the financial transactions of the current year. We may be sure the deficit for this year will not be any less than that, whatever more. Even taking the Premier's figures the deficit of this year will make our Provincial debt over \$900,000; probably a million is nearer the mark.

In brief we have this condition of affairs after nineteen years of Liberal Provincial Government; Deficits every year, running from \$12,000 to \$100,000; our Provincial debt

increased in consequence from \$128,000 to about \$1,000,000; the annual interest charge increased from \$2,697.44 to \$34,155.63. The electors of the Cardigan District should not lose sight of these facts.

While our Liberal friends were rolling up these deficits and piling up this debt they were busy, in violation of their promise, extracting taxes from the pockets of the electors. In different kinds of taxes they took in about one million dollars. Notwithstanding this million dollars of taxes they have as we have shown, increased the Provincial debt to almost, if not quite, a million dollars.

Not satisfied with all this, they are now increasing the taxes on the farmers of our Province. For many years the Liberal Government deceived the people at election times by the shibboleth that they were energetically prosecuting our claims against the Federal authorities, and consequently would have ample revenue from this source, without recourse to further taxation. At one time a million dollars was to be received from Ottawa; at another time we were to get our share of the Halifax Fishery award, and so on. These were all false cries; but they served their purpose, for the time being. The time came, however, when this manner of deception would no longer avail, and the Government were obliged to throw off the mask and exhibit themselves in their true colors. The game of deception, in this particular was played out, and the Government had to acknowledge it. What did they do then? They simply started in to increase the taxes on the farmers of our Province.

The Leader of the Government stated in the Legislature that the intention of the Government was to collect \$20,000 a year from our farmers in addition to what they are now paying. For the purpose of levying this tax valuations have been appointed by the Government. The farmers are not to be trusted; these emissaries of the Government have to inspect their holdings and value them to fit in with the Government's taxation propaganda. The Government that proclaimed themselves the farmers' friends are now throwing off the mask; showing the cloven foot by increasing the taxes on the farm lands of our Province. The insincerity of the Government has been manifested in many ways; but in no respect has it been more palpable than in this grinding taxation of our agriculturists. As long as there was any hope of deceiving the farmers by false election cries; as long as their attention could be diverted from the real issues before the public, the Government had recourse to all manner of subterfuges. But when all tricks failed, the Government showed themselves in their true colors and gave the tax screw another turn. Surely the farmers of the Cardigan District will indignantly resent all this deception and bury the Government candidate under an avalanche of votes.

Only two Fathers of Confederation are living—Sir Charles Tupper and Senator Macdonald. They may be properly styled the grand fathers of their country.—London Advertiser.

The announcement that the cruiser Niobe, which was to have arrived in Canada last month, has been transferred to a division of the British fleet until further orders, suggests that there may have been a hitch in the Canadian government's arrangements.—Ottawa Citizen.

Once again Montreal rumor is busy with a story that the New Quebec bridge contract is to be given to the same old Phoenix company that made so well out of the government for the bridge it started but didn't build. It was from this same rumor factory that the story of engineers' resignations came some days ago, and this has never been specifically denied. Can it be possible that both stories are true?—Hamilton Spectator.

Third Week at Cliff Haven.

The course in Education given by the professors of the Catholic University of America, was opened most auspiciously by the Rev. Edward A. Pace, Ph. D., D. D., Professor of Philosophy in the University, who took as his general theme Principles of Education. A distinguished scholar and educator, the lectures of the Rev. Dr. Pace were fine specimens of lucid exposition and presentation. This departure into the field of education which was inaugurated this week, is a most significant step, and portends great results in this department.

The first of the morning Round Table Talks was given by Miss A. Helene Magrath of New York City. Miss Magrath chose as her general subject for the week's talks "A trip through America with Abbe Klein" and the impressions of that distinguished visitor proved most interesting and were ably handled.

The evening song recital by Miss Marie A. Zeckwer of Philadelphia were indeed artistic and beautiful. Miss Zeckwer has a voice clear and resonant and with no uncertain charm about it. Mr. Camille W. Zeckwer presided at the piano for these recitals.

Sunday, opening this third week, was beautifully observed as has always been the custom. The large number of priests on the grounds made possible a number of Masses. The Rev. J. J. Healy celebrated the 6:30 Mass. There were Masses at 8:00, 9:00 and 10:30, the last being a High Mass, Rev. J. M. Winters of New York being the celebrant. The sermon at the late Mass was preached by the Rt. Rev. Mgr. F. H. Wall of New York. Taking his text from the Gospel of St. Luke, chap. 15, 1-9, Mgr. Wall delivered a masterly sermon, basing his thesis on the words of the gospel: "And I say to you; make to yourselves friends of the mammon of iniquity, that when you shall fail they may receive you into the everlasting mansions." "Here at the end of the gospel," began Mgr. Wall, "here is a strange saying of our Lord. Strange in its phraseology, strange in its connotation, but apt and as significant now as in the day when it was uttered. The gospel of the day is particularly pointed in this day of strife, turmoil, discontent, and teaches us that Christ was the first great working man, that to the simple principles of our Lord Jesus Christ we must turn for the solution of all the great social and industrial problems which confront us today." Continuing Mgr. Wall showed how today the whole world talks of the rights of man, forgetful of the rights of God, and that the thoughtful Catholic may do much toward the solution of these vexing problems. It was a lucid and able presentation of a difficult theme taken from the Gospel of St. Luke.

The music at the High Mass was sung under the direction of Mr. Camille W. Zeckwer. A quartette of students of Dunwoody Seminary, composed of Mr. John M. J. Quinn, James A. Cassidy, Joseph J. Steehr, Martin J. S. Leydon, sang Betchler's Mass. Miss Marie Zeckwer sang an Offertory piece, Solomon's O Salutaris.

The usual Family Gathering on Sunday evening was largely attended. A delightful program was offered. Mr. Charles Murray presiding, introduced as the first speaker of the evening Rt. Rev. Mgr. F. H. Wall, who spoke of the development and mission of the Catholic Summer School. Following Mgr. Wall, Miss A. Helene Magrath, lecturer of the week, read an original poem "Three passion Flowers." The third number on the program was a reading from Mr. Dooley followed by Riley's "Knee deep in June," given in his own inimitable fashion by Mr. William P. Oliver of Brooklyn. Mr. Murray next introduced Rev. Edward A. Pace, D. D., of the Catholic University of Washington, who spoke of the School's errand in the educational

world. A most cordial greeting was given Miss Marie Zeckwer who delighted the large audience with her beautiful singing. The evening's program was brought to a close by the Rev. D. J. Hickey, Acting President, who spoke of the great opportunities offered by the course in Education under the direction of Rev. Edward A. Pace. In concluding Father Hickey spoke of the intellectual offerings of the week just ended, paying in passing a tribute to Miss Gertrude O'Reilly of Dublin who has just concluded a series of lectures on "Irish Art & Literature."

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Ottawa, July 24.—John Turner, aged 20, one of Earl Grey's servants, who arrived here from England on Friday was drowned while bathing in the Ottawa river, Saturday. He had been engaged as assistant steward at Government House. He had no relatives in this country. His body was recovered today. Ernest R. Sadler, chore boy on the steamer Duchess of York, was also drowned in the Ottawa River this morning while bathing. He was 19 years of age and had been out from England but three weeks. Telephone Lajoie, of Hull, fell out of a boat on Merches Lake while fishing and was drowned.

Boston, Mass., July 24.—Another long list of drownings marked the hot Sunday today. Eleven deaths in different parts of New England have thus far been reported. Of this number the majority of the victims were enjoying a cooling plunge in lake or stream, but the treacherous canoe was not forgotten, claiming two deaths and still another was due to a young lady losing her balance and falling from a row-boat. The list of victims follows: Wm. Murphy, 21, Brown University student, drowned in Randall's pond, Cranston, R. I., bathing. J. Larose, 25, St. Albans, Vt., drowned in Connecticut River at White River Junction, Vt., bathing. Unknown man drowned in brook at Lawrence, Mass., rolled into water while sleeping. Emile Martin, 23, Auburn, Me., drowned in lake Auburn, canoeing. Amede Aurelle, 21, Auburn, Me., drowned in Lake Auburn, canoeing. Melvin Stuart, 18 months, Livermore Falls, Me., drowned in Wayne Lake, Wayne, Me., fell off wharf. Mary Hennessey, 21, Chelsea, Mass., drowned in Long Pond, Dracut, bathing. Leonard Smith, 23, Claremont, N. H. drowned in Connecticut River, Claremont, bathing. Hippolyte Menowski, 25, Lowell, Mass., drowned in Merrimack River, bathing. John J. McCarthy, 45, Boston, fell from yawl in South Boston, while returning outing. Edward Sullivan, 17, of Roxbury, drowned while diving in Spy Pond, Arlington.

Auburn, Me., July 24.—Unheeding the advice of several of their friends who declared a small canoe unseaworthy, Emile Martin, 23 years old, and Amede Aurelle, 21, went out on Lake Auburn in the little 14 foot craft today and were drowned after it capsized about one-quarter of a mile from shore. Persons on the shore saw the young men fall into the water and several boys put out in a boat but as neither of the drowned men could swim, they had gone to the bottom before the boys reached them. George Hamilton dove from the boat and recovered both bodies. Martin was a line-man on a railway and Aurelle was a mill operator.

Portland, Me., July 24.—The body of a colored man came ashore at Clapboard Island today. It is believed to be that of William Shields, one of two sailors who were drowned from the schooner Edward B Winslow here two weeks ago.

Great Changes at the St. John Exhibition.

New Buildings, New Area, New "Pike," New Cattle Accommodations, etc.

The general aspect of the grounds at the Dominion Exhibition, to be held in St. John, N. B., September 5th to 15th next, will be greatly changed as compared with former years. The new immense wing to the industrial structures, the new Cattle Show, monster new Grand Stand, new "Pike," etc., will transform the familiar view into one of a fair of national proportions and will surprise even the most sanguine visitor. The new Horticultural Building, to be 150 feet long and 60 feet wide, and three stories in height, is planned to adjoin the wing of the Main Industrial Building. The new Grand Stand, to be 400 feet by 40 feet deep, with accommodations for 1,750 people, is to be situated in the south-east corner of the area, nearly directly opposite the old Grand Stand. In past years the Pike or Midway attractions have been located directly in the path of patrons walking from the main building across the field to the Live Stock display; but this year this open ground is to be re-

served for specially new and original amusement features while the Pike is laid out in the rear of the new Grand Stand, following a semicircular open-air warms Amusement Hall. There will be new horse barns, immense new cattle sheds, new pigery and sheep pens, also new accommodations for poultry and pet stock. The transportation exhibits are to be shown in the Miller and DeWitt Hall, which the Dominion Government has kindly placed at the disposal of the Exhibition Association. In the center of the large ground space a stock display ring has been mapped out, in which horses will be exercised and competing animals demonstrated. This track will be one-sixth of a mile in circumference.

LOCAL & OTHER ITEMS

While Earl Grey is in the Canadian hinterland, whither he goes in ten days, Earl Grey will camp somewhere in the rocky mountains, probably near Banff. The party will have escorts of mounted police.

The White Star Line intend to expedite their Atlantic service to Canada to such an extent that mails for Quebec or Montreal leaving London Saturday will be delivered on this side the following Saturday.

A strike that threatens to reach serious dimensions has broken out among the employes of the North-eastern Railroad, England. Traffic is disorganized. It was estimated last Friday night that between eight thousand and ten thousand men had gone out. No notice of the intention to strike appears to have been given by the men, who declare that the strike is in protest against the generally tyrannical methods of the officials.

The tea party held at Bear River Station yesterday, in aid of St. Margaret's church, was an admirable success. The weather was ideal and the gathering was an ideal one. The tables were splendid and all guests had high praise for the hospitable attentions of their hosts. There was a large concourse of people, and all appeared to fully enjoy themselves. A large sum of money must have been realized. Father McPherson and his parishioners are to be congratulated.

The Naval Department at Ottawa has issued invitations to Canadian and British shipbuilders to consider the question of constructing the vessels of the Canadian Navy in Canada—the ships to be built according to the plans of the British Admiralty, which are secret. Owing to the Rush-Bagot treaty preventing the construction of war vessels on the lakes, shipbuilders located there will be unable to do so except on the condition of establishing branch plants for construction purposes at some point on the St. Lawrence, below the international boundary line or in the Maritime Provinces.

Rev. M. J. Smith, of Kelly's Cross, who went to Rome two years ago to specialize in Philosophy and Canon Law, has, we are pleased to learn, met with remarkable success in his studies. Last autumn he succeeded in gaining the degree of Doctor of Canon Law, although to accomplish this he was obliged to do two years work in less than a year and a half; and at the beginning of the present month he secured the degree of Doctor of Theology. He left the Eternal City a few days ago, and is at present at Oberammergau, the scene of the world-renowned Passion Play. He will arrive home towards the end of August. We congratulate the learned Doctor on his success.

A heavy electrical storm passed over different parts of this Province Monday and Tuesday night. It was very severe in Prince County during the afternoon. A blacksmith's shop was struck and considerably damaged at Alberton in the afternoon. At Sherbrook a barn belonging to Thomas Langhlin was struck and badly damaged, and a horse was killed in his stall. Mr. Langhlin's son had just put the horse in the stall when the crash came. The horse dropped dead and the boy fell at his feet. The lad soon regained consciousness and was none the worse for his experience. A barn at North Bedouque was also struck, but little damage was done. The storm also prevailed in other parts of the Province, especially in King's County. Early Tuesday morning, thunder and lightning, of a very severe character passed over Charlottetown; but the storm did not last long. A heavy electrical storm also passed over some parts of New Brunswick on Tuesday evening. At Richibucto, Mrs. Martin of Boston was killed by lightning at the residence of her brother Ephraim Pine.

Forest Fires in B. C.

Forest fires have been fiercely raging in British Columbia as the following intelligence will show:
 Nelson, B. C., July 20.—In view of the forest fires raging here all the women and children from Sandon were brought down to New Denver yesterday afternoon, as a precautionary measure.
 Nelson, July 21.—From the fire districts the reports are that the Sloan fires are raging fiercely; Grand Forks is completely destroyed, and Sandon is doomed. A fire was reported to have wiped Jeffrey and Baynes off the map. It is impossible to obtain particulars. At Ratto the fire is travelling rapidly and back-firing has been resorted to. At Moyie the fire is still causing anxiety, but at present the town is safe.
 Nelson, July 22.—The forest fires are still burning, but the fighters are gaining the upper hand, and it is believed that the worst is over, except in Sandon, which is in grave danger and may be wiped out at any moment. In the Crown Nest Pass the fires are still burning and much valuable timber has been consumed.
 Toronto, July 23.—The Canadian Pacific Railway tracks near Big Ben in British Columbia are damaged by forest fires, and the trains are delayed. Elsewhere in the Province rain and the fire fighters have for the better of the flames, and Sloan, Sandon and Three Forks are safe.

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