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venue for the present year following amounts. (Estimated.)

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Receipts Probate fund, Public Works, Provincial Hospital, etc.

Immigration.

The Government had outlined a FORWARD PLAN FOR IMMIGRATION, a work which has not been very successful in the past.

Public Works.

The Public Works expenditure was \$43,000 greater than last year. The fire at the Provincial Hospital was responsible for \$45,000 increase.

Gave Audit Act.

The Government was doing its best to husband the resources. They came pledged to give an audit act.

Providing Assistance.

While the government was safeguarding the interests of the people, it was also doing its best to provide assistance for the benefit of the people.

Revenue 1909.

Estimated revenue 1909 compared with actual revenue 1908. Estimated revenue 1909—\$1,186,630.19.

Statement of Balance of Accounts, Oct. 31st, 1908.

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Public Works Department over-expended.

Public Works Department over-expended \$78,993.81. Crown Lands Department over-expended \$2,656.23.

Receiver General's Department surplus.

Receiver General's Department surplus \$44,542.00. Over-expended amounts on 31st of October, 1908, amounting to \$219,568.25.

Expenditure could not go on in the future.

The Provincial Secretary had said that he closed his account for the last fiscal year without a cent against it.

Bothered by Fog and Icebergs

The Norwegian steamer Hundal, Capt. Riis, was sighted off Partridge Island early yesterday. She appeared to be steaming very slowly and when she arrived it was found that three blades of her propeller had broken.

Death of Rev. Fr. Phelan

Halifax, N. S., April 2.—Rev. Father Phelan, editor of the Antigonish, passed away at his father's home today, after an illness of several years' duration.

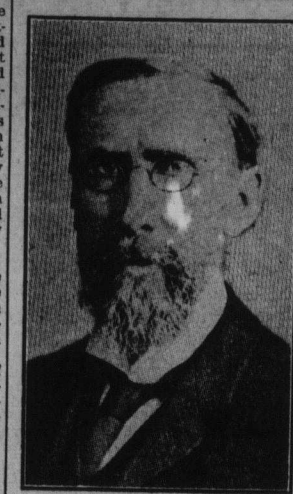
Persons.

Rev. I. N. Parker passed through the city last evening en route to Westfield.

FOSTER FORCES LAURIER TO RETRACT; DEBATE ON CASSELL'S REPORT GREW WARMS YESTERDAY; A. K. McLEAN MAKES ATTACK ON COMMISSIONS

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., April 2.—In the Commons this afternoon, Meighen (Portage La Prairie), resumed the debate on the Cassels report, arguing strongly that Mr. Brodeur is responsible for the admittedly bad condition of his department.

MacLean Attacks Cassels. A. K. MacLean gave the first serious attempt on the Government side to rebut the Conservative line of attack. He attacked the Courtney and Cassels commissions, saying that neither were infallible, though he did not impugn their motives.



HON. GEORGE E. FOSTER.

After much tumult Laurier retorted that Foster's language had been attempted to go on with his speech.

Mr. Speaker said that if Laurier's words had been applied directly they would have been out of order. However they had been indirect.

Foster pressed his demand. Thereupon Laurier in a tone of great anger said he would set an example to the House and withdraw everything.

Laurier then resumed his speech. He argued that contractors guilty of bribery are dealing with other departments is not sound; supposing it to be a fact, that was no reason why other departments should submit to examination.

Mr. Borden referred to Laurier's statement about setting a good example, but he did not deem it necessary to do so.

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bombarded the Government with suggestions, facts, charges, demand for investigation. The GOVERNMENT HAD REFUSED to heed suggestions, had rejected requests had BLOCKED INVESTIGATION.

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SEVERAL BILLS ARE PASSED IN LEGISLATURE ANOTHER BANK DEFALTS TO LEAVE PRISON

Fredericton, April 2.—House met at 3 o'clock. The following bills were given the third reading and passed: The act to amend the creditors' relief act; act relating to the custody of children; bill respecting winding up incorporated companies.

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New York, April 1.—Within the next ten days or two weeks—the exact date has not been known—the great doors of Sing Sing prison will swing open for the release of Cornelius L. Alvord, jr., "the shrewdest bank defaulter New York has ever known."

The Alvord defalcation was in many respects the most sensational that Wall Street has ever known.

When the old First National Bank, noted for its conservatism, came out with a formal acknowledgment that it had been robbed of \$700,000 by an humble bank employee, the note taker, New York financiers had hardly believed the report.

It proved to be true. Alvord—the most orderly person imaginable at the bank—was found to have been living a dual life. For months and even years he had been gambling at Saratoga so rashly as to attract the attention and admiration of the old-timers at that noted resort.

He had maintained in a trainer's name a string of race horses of his own. He had owned motor boats and automobiles, and had lived in show at an average rate of about \$200 a day.

To do this he had consistently and systematically robbed the bank for a period of about six years.

The exposure in which he stole was never thoroughly revealed by the bank officials. His peculations, especially, were skillfully concealed by the clever manipulation of his "balance books."

That was as near as they came to telling. The bank had a surplus from which to make good the losses, and had lived in show at an average rate of about \$200 a day.

It was on Oct. 23, 1900, when bank examiners appeared suddenly at the First National and introduced themselves to Alvord, the note taker, who had enjoyed most unusual confidence and privileges in the association.

Alvord smilingly greeted them. He excused himself and left the bank. He was seen no more until arrested in Boston six days later by detectives of Captain McCluskey's staff.

He came back without requisition, admitted his guilt and was shortly afterwards sent to prison.

At Sing Sing he had a clerical position in the warden's office, and has not had to mix with the other prisoners. His wife, it is said, has visited him often, regardless of the rules that restrict visitors to other prisoners. He has even had special meals cooked for him by another prisoner assigned to the task, to whom he is said to have paid \$3 a week.

Upon his release Alvord is expected to return to his old home in the village of Stockport, where Mr. Alvord has recently had built a cosy home in the hills near Stockport.

The villagers hint that Alvord was wise enough to "plant" a considerable part of his defalcation, but this is denied by the wife and other relatives of the man who is now to regain his freedom after nearly ten years spent behind prison walls.

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THE LIQUOR LICENSE BILL CONSIDERED

FREDERICTON, April 2.—The bill amending the Liquor License Act passed the committee stage this afternoon down as far as the sections relating to beer licenses. The section providing for the "No License" election in St. John on April 29th passed and it was made possible for the county secretary of Kent county to call on the proposed no license election in the parish of Harcourt, thus doing away with the necessity of a special meeting of the county council.

The section relating to interdicts will be changed. The sections of the bill referring to beer licenses will not be taken up until next week. The ballot for "no license" elections was changed so that it will now read similar to that in use in Scott Act elections as provided in the Standard. On the ballot will be the words: "for license" and "against license."

Hon. Mr. Fleming, in reply to Mr. Byrne's inquiry, stated that the government had not decided whether legislation will be introduced at the present session providing for a superannuation allowance to school teachers.

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A NOTABLE CELEBRATION IN CHURCH

On Sunday morning, Germain St. Baptist Church will commence a notable anniversary celebration. The occasion is the 67th of its kind since the organization of the church.

\$100,000 WAGERED ON LONGBOAT

Toronto, Ont., April 2.—It is estimated that upwards of \$100,000 was wagered around Toronto today, on Longboat, to win the Marathon Derby tomorrow.

ANOTHER STRIKE IS TALKED OF

Winnipeg, Man., April 2.—The negotiations between the Canadian Pacific Railway and the mechanical unions were resumed yesterday afternoon after Superintendent of Motive Power Hall had returned from the east. The company will not recede from its position requiring separate schedules for both east and west.

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