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VON MIQUEL IS PLEASED.

Says the Budget of Prussia is the Most Favorable That Has Ever Been Submitted.

Berlin, Jan. 10.—In introducing the estimates in the lower House of the Diet today, the Minister of Finance, Dr. Von Miquel, declared the budget was the most favorable ever submitted. He added that the surplus for 1899-1900 was \$4,340,000 marks, and the current year's budget would furnish equally satisfactory and favorable results. The new estimates were no longer based on inflated receipts to the same extent as formerly. Dr. Von Miquel referred to the reserves contained in the estimates available for times of distress, and said debts amounting to \$20,000,000 marks had been redeemed during the last decade.

TOM MOORE'S HARP.

It is an Irish Dalway and is Now the Property of a New York Society.

New York, Jan. 10.—There has arrived in this city, from Dublin, a musical instrument with an interesting history. It is the harp of Thomas Moore, the Irish poet, and is now the property of the Harp Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The instrument belonged to her grandfather, the late Prof. Glover of Dublin, to whom it was given by the harpist, Thomas Moore, the first of the name who published Moore's poems. The harp is 4 feet 3 inches in height and weighs, perhaps, ten pounds.

WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN.

If Lord Ava Dies an American Lady Would Be the Heir.

New York, Jan. 10.—A London cable says that should the Earl of Ava, eldest son and heir of the Earl of Dufferin and Ava, die of his wound received at Ladysmith, Lord Dufferin and Ava, would become heir to the title and estate of the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava, his brother-in-law. Lord Dufferin is the daughter of John H. Davis, and was married in Paris six years ago.

A CRAZY DOCTOR'S DEED.

Caught a Child by the Foot and Swung It Round and Round Till Dead.

Hampden, Ia., Jan. 10.—Dr. G. M. Appleby for several years has been practicing at Bridgewater, Butler County, near a fit of insanity killed a ten months' old child of Henry Wearty of this place, while making an examination of it in Dr. Holsen's office in this city. Crazy by religious excitement, the child by religious excitement it swung it round and round his head before the parent could interfere.

EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA.

From Royalty Downward the People of England Are Attacked.

London, Jan. 10.—The epidemic of influenza is spreading throughout the whole country. The newspapers contain long lists of notable sufferers from the disease, and death lists are abnormally long. The royal household at Osborne House, Isle of Wight, has not escaped. Many members have been removed to a sanitarium.

Grand Tour of Mexico.

On Feb. 14, 1900, the Wahash Railroad Company will run a personally conducted and select party of fifty people for a 30-day tour through all Mexico. This will be by the grandest and most comfortable train ever run by any railroad in America.

S. Ackerman, commercial traveler, Belleville, writes: "Some years ago I used Dr. Rheumatism, and three bottles effected a complete cure. I was the whole of a summer unable to move without crutches, and every movement caused excruciating pains. I have used a bottle of Dr. Thomas' on hand, and I always recommend it to others, as it did so much for me."

Lady Alice Montagu Dead.

London, Jan. 10.—Lady Alice Montagu, sister of the Duke of Manchester, died today at Daves-Pitz, a health resort in Switzerland. She was 20 years old.

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THE BOARD OF CONTROL IS AT WORK IN EARNEST

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How Coody Gets Out.

Mr. Coody: I may tell you this: that the cheque on the Mayor was not cashed on the other occasion. Mr. Patterson took the Mayor's word that it was right. But I have got security for both.

Make Time on the Estimates.

Aid. Spence: There is another matter I would like to bring up. At the last meeting, I would like this board also to pass a strong resolution with reference to estimates. I do not know what was done last year and ten years back, and that could not in a short time get the estimates in shape for the new year. We should pass a strong resolution to-day instructing everybody with whom we have to deal to send in the estimates not later than 1st February. I am willing to meet every day to push this very important matter.

The Mayor: We do not control the outside bodies.

Aid. Spence: The statute says they shall also send in their estimates not later than a certain day, and they may do so earlier. The statute further says that it shall be the duty of the Board of Control to prepare the estimates. Although that is our business, it has never been done. It has been prepared by the Treasurer's Department, and they have always been waiting on somebody or something from day to day. Now, in getting the estimates from each department, we should be particular that the overdrafts from last year are not included, but are sent in separately. And, with reference to the contracts, we would like the Treasurer to lay before the Board of Control a detailed statement showing which contracts are to be carried over into the next year, and which should be placed along with the estimates for the year, and that department for the year, and the items of expenditure of the preceding year. That has never been done, and it should be ready by the 1st of February.

Sheppard Talks Sense.

Aid. Sheppard: It is always a sign of good city government to be able to know early in the year what expenses are to be incurred for the year. It is to be a long expenditure and wait for the estimates until the end of the year, when we have no chance of dealing with them. The 1st of February is late enough.

Mr. Coody: I will do the best I can in the matter.

Mr. Coody Sheppard: I do not intend to say this in the least offensively. Mr. Coody, but I think the very best you can do is to have the estimates ready by the 1st of February.

The Order Made.

The following order was then made: Ordered: That the secretary of this board be instructed to forward to the heads of the various civic departments, the Public, High and Separate School Boards, Technical School Board, Free Library Board, and the Board of Police Commissioners, the estimate of expenditure for the current year forwarded to the secretary of the board, and further, that the City Treasurer be instructed to take steps at once to have the preparation and compilation of the estimates, in order that the work of the board of estimates in shape for consideration by the 1st of February each year, and further, that in the preparation of the estimates the heads of departments and bodies should be requested to show separately and distinctly: (1) the amount of expenditure for the current year; (2) the amount required to carry on the operations of the respective departments and bodies during the past year, such information as to the current year's requirements and the year's expenditure in parallel columns for convenience in considering such information.

The afternoon session.

On resuming in the Mayor's office.

Mr. Littlejohn said he had looked up the statute and found that the outside bodies are required to send in their estimates before the 1st March.

Mr. Coody Sheppard re-opened the Bennett and Wright drawback matter. He said: "I understand there is something in this matter, and I think that if this money is paid over the contractors may not finish their contract." Mr. Littlejohn: We have no right to assume that.

Mr. Coody Sheppard: I am not assuming. There is but \$200 worth of work under the contract to be done, and a number of men are kept here under the architect.

The unfinished work may not be done for 48 hours.

Mr. Coody Sheppard: I would like to know all the facts brought up, as to the balance of the work and the details. It might be better to close the contract at once and accept the unfinished work, than the other alternative.

Architect Must Come Up.

It was ordered to strike the recommendation made at the morning meeting, and get a detailed report from the architect for Friday's meeting of the board.

Mr. Taylor Overworked.

Mr. Taylor, City Relief Officer, wrote to the effect that the Medical Health Department had shown upon him temporarily, some time ago, the work of investigating the applications for admission to the hospital at the city of the city. He had found the work requires all the time of one man, and suggested that such an appointment be made under the Medical Health Department.

Mr. Coody Sheppard said the work was very important. Many of the applicants were quite new arrivals in the city from outside places.

The Mayor: Would you let a man do it if he was not a resident of Toronto?

Mr. Coody Sheppard: I think you should not ask me that question.

The Mayor: It is the alternative of your statement.

Mr. Coody Sheppard: I think not. We have either the power to charge such cases up against the municipality to which they belong, or we should apply to the legislature for the power.

Mr. Caswell did not think the statute at present gives the power.

The matter was referred to Dr. Sheard for a report.

After the Gas Company Again.

The Gas Company affair was again considered. Mr. Fullerton and Mr. Caswell being present.

The Mayor: We broke at where we were trying to find out what authority the Attorney-General in 1897 refused to give a decision about suiting himself with the city's suit against the company.

Mr. Fullerton Explains.

Mr. Fullerton gave a history of the proceedings. On July 16 the matter was argued before the Attorney-General, Mr. Blake appearing for the Gas Company, Mr. Fullerton for the city, and Mayors Fleming and others being present. Subsequently, when there appeared to be some delay about the

decision, Mr. Fullerton made an enquiry of Mr. Caswell, who could give no reason for his refusal to sue, and he was told that the Attorney-General had refused to sue.

Mr. Fullerton: Has nothing been done since Mr. Fullerton went on to tell of Assistant Treasurer's report, which included with an opinion on the state of the law.

Mr. Fullerton: It would be early in '98. The interview with the Board of Control was held immediately following Mr. Fullerton's report, on the 31st January, '98. That committee was necessary for 1898, but the report of an accountant from that time.

A Break Occurred.

Mr. Fullerton: There appears to be no trace of an accountant from that time. Mr. Caswell: I do not know what auditor engaged on the matter was.

Mr. Fullerton: It was Mr. Fullerton who was engaged on the matter.

Mr. Caswell: How is it that an audit for Mr. Fullerton was to have been skipped? There was Mr. Fullerton, auditor for 1897, and we have Mr. Blakeley now for 1898.

Mr. Fullerton: There appears to be no trace of an accountant from that time.

Mr. Caswell: We have never been consulted about the appointment of auditors.

Mr. Fullerton: It is a matter for the Treasurer's Department.

The Mayor (to Mr. Fullerton): You made me never give the City Auditor a chance to have a further say in the matter.

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