

DOMINION OF CANADA WELL OFF THIS YEAR OVER THIRTY MILLIONS SURPLUS ON HAND

Revenue Shows a Gain
and Per Capita Debt a
Decrease.

ROD BOUNTIES TO BE CUT OFF

Government Makes No Loans
Except for Large Purposes,
Always Attaching Sink-
ing Fund.

Ottawa, April 4.—Hon. Mr. Fielding's fifteenth annual budget statement, as presented to the Commons this afternoon, was remarkable for two things. It was the shortest budget speech that has yet been presented to the House, taking only some 40 minutes in delivery. At the same time, in its statement of a record of a surplus of thirty and a half millions, of a revenue of one hundred and seventeen and a half millions, and of the payment of all but three million nine hundred thousand dollars of the total expenditure on both capital and current account out of the past year's income, despite twenty-seven millions spent on the National Transcontinental Railway construction, and eleven and a half millions spent on public works and other items of capital expenditure, it was the most eloquent and convincing testimony of the successful financial administration of the country that the Minister of Surplus has yet given to the House.

No Tariff Change.
Mr. Fielding confined his remarks practically to a succinct statement of income and expenditure for the fiscal year just closed, with a brief review of the figures for the preceding year. He made no reference to tariff matters, and his only allusion to the other pertinent subject of bounties was a brief statement to the effect that hereafter all bounties would be charged to income rather than to capital account, as in the past.

The figures he presented were in themselves the most eloquent tribute possible to the growth and prosperity of the country, and needed no amplification by the Finance Minister.

Mr. Foster's Criticism.
In the face of the story they told, Hon. George E. Foster had to confine his criticisms, as he himself expressed it, to "sticking a pin in here, and there." He harped on the old theme of increasing revenue, meaning increased taxation, while at the same time he ignored the fact that his party is now and always has been the exponent of high protective tariffs, and is now opposing the Government's proposals to lop off over two and a half millions per annum in customs taxation through the medium of the reciprocity proposals with the United States.

The fact that Parliament has not yet disposed of the reciprocal trade arrangements was responsible for the absence of any reference to the British preference, and possible changes contemplated, from the minister's address. The discussion of this subject, as indicated by the Prime Minister in the House some time ago, will be part of the final settlement of the reciprocity agreement.

A Mighty Surplus.

At the outset the finance minister gave a review of the revenue and expenditure for 1909-10, the public accounts for which had been before Parliament. The estimated revenue for the year ended March 31, 1910, had been \$79,411,747 or \$1,588,252 less than the estimates, and \$1,652,485 less than the expenditure chargeable to income during the previous year. The estimated surplus for 1909-10 had been \$16,500,000, but with the increase in the revenue and diminution of expenditure, the actual surplus realized was \$22,000,000, which was a record surplus for this Dominion, said Mr. Fielding amid Liberal applause.

Analysing the expenditures for 1909-10, the minister of finance said that \$35,971,911 had been spent upon capital or special account, nearly two-thirds of which was provided out of revenue for the year.

The balance added to the national debt was \$12,248,367.

Out of that income were also paid the ordinary expenses of what is called consolidated fund, all the charges for railways and canals on capital account, all the charges for public works on capital account, railway subsidies charges on Dominion lands, charges for militia on capital account, all bounties and \$1,600,000 towards the cost of the National Transcontinental.

A MIGHTY REVENUE

Some of the more striking exhibits of his successful financial stewardship which Mr. Fielding presented to the House were as follows:
For the financial year 1909-10 the surplus was a little over \$22,000,000, which paid all the charges on capital account, for railways and canals, for public works, for railway subsidies, for militia and for bounties.
The actual revenue for that year was \$101,503,710, which was \$16,000,000 in excess of that of the previous year, and \$5,500,000 in excess of the record year of 1907-08.
For the year just closed the total revenue, when all accounts were in, would be one hundred and seventeen and a half millions, an increase of sixteen millions over last year's high record. The expenditure on consolidated fund account would be about eighty-seven millions, an increase of about seven and a half millions. And in this increase there was included the expenditures for Dominion lands surveys and for militia, totalling two and a half millions, which would have formerly been charged to capital account, and also one and a quarter millions spent for the naval service, all of which were this year paid out of revenue.

A COMMITTEE OF CITIZENS TO HEAR MRS. THORNLEY

The Information on Which She Based Statements as to School
Morals Will Be Investigated by Responsible Body.

Mrs. May R. Thornley stated to "The Advertiser" this afternoon that arrangements are being made by which she will shortly place all the information she has secured and upon which she based the statements she made before a committee of responsible persons, who will investigate it thoroughly. Who the members of the committee will be Mrs. Thornley declined to say. Asked if she had been

given any chance at all to produce any of her evidence before the board of education when they made their investigation, Mrs. Thornley said no. "I was not given any chance whatever to make any statement to the board," she said. "I am not criticising the course they took at all, or their method of inquiry, but all the information I have will shortly be given to a committee of responsible citizens."

HEAD OF THUNDERER TAKEN BY DEATH

Charles Frederic Moberly Bell
Dies Suddenly in His
Office.

[Canadian Press.]
London, April 5.—Charles Frederic Moberly Bell, managing director of the London Times since 1908, died suddenly at his office today of heart disease. He was born in April, 1847, the son of the late Thomas Bell, of Egypt, and in 1875 married the daughter of the late Charles Bell, of Egypt. He was the correspondent of the Times in Egypt from 1865 to 1890, when he became assistant manager. He has written much of Egyptian affairs.

LEAVES A MILLION TO FOUND A CLUB

For Military and Naval Men Who Are
on Small Salary.
[Canadian Press.]
London, April 5.—The late Honorable Henry L. Bourke, a wealthy stock broker, and brother of Lord Mayo, who was assassinated while governor-general of India, left \$1,000,000 on the death of his wife to found a residential club for naval and military officers on a small salary. The club is to be named the Bourke Club, and will be located in the Strand. It is stipulated that the members will be elected by trustees, and pay some rental, however small.

BELL MADE OFFER TO THE FARMERS

Willing to Connect With Aldborough
for \$250 Per Phone.
[Special to The Advertiser.]
St. Thomas, April 4.—The Bell Telephone Company has offered to connect the Aldborough Farmers' Company with the Bell central, giving the farmers free exchanges with West Lorne, Rodney, and New Glasgow, for the payment of \$250 per phone, and \$1 for circuit. This would give continuous night and day service, and the Farmers' Company may accept the terms offered.

ACCEPTS THEOLOGY CHAIR

Montreal, April 5.—Rev. C. E. Bland, of Montreal Wesleyan College, has accepted the chair in theology offered him at the Alberta Methodist College at Edmonton, but it is not probable that he will leave for the west until the autumn.

Turning to the statement for the year 1910-11, which has just closed, the minister of finance said that he would be able to estimate even more closely than in previous years, although it would be necessary to allow time to pass for the collection of accounts.

"We estimate," he said, "that when the accounts are closed the revenue for the year 1910-11 will reach \$117,500,000, and the expenditure chargeable to consolidated fund to March 31, will be \$75,500,195.74. He estimated that the total expenditure chargeable to that fund when the books were closed would be about \$87,000,000. This would give a surplus of revenue over ordinary expenditure of \$30,500,000. Referring to that increase, Mr. Fielding pointed out that during the year the Government made a change and that such items as militia, chargeable to capital account and Dominion lands, and the amounts for the naval service, which had hitherto been chargeable against capital account, would be transferred to income.

Taxation Lower.
Of these items the amounts were:
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PRINCIPALS SAY SCHOOLS MORAL

Education Board Also Declares
Suspensions Are Unfounded.

PUBLICITY IS DEPLORED

Mrs. Thornley Has Defenders—Will Be
No Investigation.

As a result of the recent letter of Mrs. May R. Thornley, charging immorality amongst pupils of the public schools, the following communication was presented to the board of education last night:

London, April 5, 1911.

We, the principals of the public schools of the city of London, in view of the charges so ruthlessly laid against the morality of the children under our charge, and so widely scattered throughout the province through the columns of the public press, emphatically deny the charges so made, and declare that the morals of the pupils are with an occasional or exceptional case of bad language, or similar charges, far in advance of what the schools were some years ago, and that neither obscenity nor immorality are indulged in by 99 per cent. of the children in our schools.

We also deplore the publicity that has been given to the rumors current in a few minds, and believe that the tendency of this publicity is to do far greater harm to our pupils' morals, than the odd case or two that may have occurred among thousands of children coming from so varied a home environment.

C. Brown, Aberdeen.
J. T. Parkinson, Grand avenue.
W. B. Wyatt, Worley road.
H. B. Reel, Colborne.
W. J. Snelgrove, Lorne avenue.
J. Kirkwood, Empress avenue.
W. Wallis, Simcoe street.

Mr. Wyatt, St. George's.
M. W. Althouse, Rectory street.
J. F. Bryant, Princess avenue.
Alex. MacQueen, Victoria.
E. J. Gilhe, Chesley avenue.
W. H. Liddlecott, Talbot street.

Board Repudiates.
Mrs. Thornley's letter, and the charges made thereon, furnished material for a good deal of lively discussion at the meeting of the board of education yesterday afternoon. A motion made by Mr. Snelgrove, and seconded by Mr. Parkinson, was carried.

ST. RAILWAY RECEIVE HYDRO CONTRACT

Experts and Company Officials Have It
Under Consideration.

The London Street Railway Company have received the contract from the hydro-electric power commission. They have made no announcement whatever as to their intentions.

"We are looking it over," said a director of the company. "It is a very large document, and it must be carefully perused. We can make no announcement whatever as yet regarding our intentions. We will carefully look into it before making any statement." Experts in the employ of the company are also considering it, and at a conference to be held shortly their opinions will be made known.

A gentleman in close touch with the hydro-electric commission informed the Advertiser that while they were hopeful that the London Street Railway Company would be at all surprised if they decided not to take power from the commission.

DIES OF HEART FAILURE

Farmer's Wife Near Vienna Not Acci-
dentally Poisoned.

[Canadian Press.]
St. Thomas, April 5.—Mrs. J. Hill, a farmer's wife near Vienna, reported to have died of accidental poisoning, was a victim of heart failure. The small dose of medicine given her did no injury.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Showery.

FORECASTS.

Highest Lowest.

Today—Fresh to strong north to west winds; mild, with occasional showers.

Thursday—A few local showers, but partly fair, with stationary or a little lower temperature.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations. day morning. Weather.

Calgary. 42. 32. Fair.

Winnipeg. 41. 31. Snow.

Port Arthur. 39. 29. Snow.

Park Sound. 39. 29. Rain.

Toronto. 40. 34. Cloudy.

Montreal. 40. 30. Cloudy.

Ottawa. 39. 29. Rain.

Quebec. 38. 28. Snow.

Father Point. 38. 28. Cloudy.

Minus (—) means below zero.

WATER NOTES.

The disturbance which was traveling northward from the Southwest States across today morning now covers Michigan.

It has given heavy precipitation in Ontario, attended by gales, and is now causing snow and rain in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces.

The decidedly cold weather continues in the west.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER.

The depression which was over the Southwest States last night is moving with increasing energy towards the Great Lakes. A moderate snowfall occurred yesterday in St. Louis, Kansas, and quite heavily in Western Ontario. Elsewhere the weather was generally fine and nearly everywhere below zero.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

London. 35-50. Dawson. 14-20. Prince Rupert. 20-30. Victoria. 30-40. Calgary. 30-40. Edmonton. 14 below-24. Prince Albert. 12-20. Winnipeg. 16-32. Qu'Appelle. 18-29. Pelly. 10-20. Port Arthur. 16-26. Park Sound. 20-38. Toronto. 38-52. Ottawa. 30-44. Quebec. 4-25. St. John. 20-38. Halifax. 20-38.



HUGH GUTHRIE.
M. P. for Wellington, who made a powerful defence of reciprocity before West Middlesex Liberals yesterday.

A FINE OF \$400 IN FARMERS' BANK CASE

Fred Crompton Pleads Guilty
to Illegal Hypothecation
of Notes.

[Canadian Press.]

Toronto, April 5.—Fred Crompton, a well known corset manufacturer, who was committed to trial some time ago on the charge of being a party to the illegal hypothecation of Farmers' Bank notes, appeared before Judge Denton this morning and pleaded guilty to the charge. He pleaded ignorance of the law and denied any wrong intent. His lawyer, E. W. J. Owens, made a strong plea for leniency and the judge imposed the minimum penalty, a fine of \$400 with the option of 30 days in jail. He paid the fine.

TWENTY-TWO AND HALF LIKELY TO BE RATE

And the Chairman of Finance
Committee Thinks It May
Be Lower.

The finance committee will discuss the estimates on Friday night next. The board of education and the water commissioners will have their ready by that time, and then the finance minister will get to work to strike the rate.

There will be no difficulty in preparing the estimates for the waterworks and the board of education, and it is thought that the revenue will amount to practically the same. The board of education and the water commissioners are convinced that they can so handle the department that there will be no overdraft of any consequence. One official stated that \$5,000 either would probably be the outcome.

That being the case, it will not be difficult for the finance committee to strike the rate.

"We will get to work on Friday," said Ald. Eckert, the chairman. "We want to get the work completed, and we will hasten as much as possible. The rate will be no more than 22½ mills, which is one mill less than last year, and we are hoping to bring it down still further."

Changed With Theft

James Henry Gilmore, of the third concession of London Township, was arrested yesterday afternoon charged with stealing a lumber wagon valued at \$45 from his father, William Gilmore. He was remanded by Squire Chittick and will probably appear on Monday.

ALL NIGHT CONCERT BY THE HYDRO

The firemen are not a happy lot today.

Last night the hydro-electric wires in some way came in contact with the fire alarm system, with the result that the bells rang all night, keeping the members of the brigade awake. "We had no fires, but plenty of music," said Assistant Chief Scott. "The bells rang practically all night, keeping everybody awake, and as a consequence this morning everybody is peevish."

PRESIDENT URGES EARLY ACTION ON RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT

In Message to the Extraordinary Session of Sixty-Second Congress Says Pact Is of Great Importance to Both
Canada and United States.

[Canadian Press.]

Washington, April 5.—President Taft today transmitted to Congress a message urging early action on the reciprocity agreement with Canada. He stated that he based this message upon deference to popular sentiment and duty to the great masses of the American people. The message follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

I transmitted to the 61st Congress, on Jan. 26 last, the text of the reciprocal trade agreement, which was negotiated under my direction by the Secretary of State with the representatives of the Dominion of Canada.

LONDON MAY BE THE CENTRE OF A BIG ELECTRICAL BATTLE

MR. J. H. MARSHALL MADE
MIDDLESEX REGISTRAR

Ex-M. P. for Riding Appointed
to Succeed Late John
Waters.

Mr. Joseph H. Marshall, ex-M. P. for East and North Middlesex to succeed the late Mr. John Waters, for some time it has been rumored that he would be selected. Yesterday he was called to Toronto, and offered the position. He accepted, and today a wire was received confirming his appointment. As soon as he is officially gazetted, Mr. Marshall will assume the duties of the office.

This ends a rather interesting contest for the place. There were a large number of applicants among the prominent Conservatives of both the north and west ridings for the position.

While the appointment was made altogether because of party services, it will be popular. Mr. Marshall is well known throughout the riding, and wherever known is well liked.

For some years Mr. Marshall represented the east riding in the House of Commons. He retired about ten years ago, and since that time he has lived on his farm just outside the city limits on Richmond street. For some years a very extensive dairy business has been conducted by Mr. Marshall.

SELL THEIR RESERVE FOR QUARTER MILLION

British Columbia Secures Removal of
Indians from Victoria's Water-
front.

[Canadian Press.]

Victoria, B.C., April 5.—The British Columbia Government today assembled the Songhees band of Indians on the reserve on the waterfront opposite the city of Victoria and put them to the heads of the tribes sums ranging from \$5,000 to \$11,000 each, a total of \$425,000 for the surrender of the reserve. The Government also supplies a new reserve on Esquimalt Harbor, whither the Indians will move at once. The city has been endeavoring to secure the removal of the Indians for nearly thirty years.

OLD BOYS' EXECUTIVE WILL MEET TONIGHT

Committee To Handle Coming Re-
union Will Be Struck.

The executive of the Old Boys' Association will meet tonight in the city hall to strike committees and transact other business.

Already there are about 20 members of the association who have paid their fees, and it is expected that a large number of others will join tonight. After the meeting active preparations will be commenced for entertaining the visitors when they come this summer.

STORM AT PARIS.

Paris, April 5.—Parisians were astonished today by a brisk snowstorm which gave a rather ghastly effect to the green of the newly-leaved trees. Cold and snow are general throughout the country, where much damage is being done to vegetables, fruits and flowers.

Chinese Famine Fund.

Contributions to the Chinese famine fund, as announced by the treasurer Mrs. (Rev.) E. A. Steven, of No. 598 Princess avenue, today, follow:
Previously acknowledged \$336 75
In memory of G. 1 00
N. C. W. Ballymore 2 00
R. A. 1 00
Total \$340 75

Insistent Rumors Afloat
of \$30,000,000 Merger
to Oppose the Hydro.

EXPERTS HERE TO INVESTIGATE

Edison Company Believed Be-
hind Move to Fight the
Government Project.

The announcement that the Commonwealth Edison Company, of Chicago, the \$36,000,000 electrical merger of the United States, was about to invade Canada and enter competition with the hydro-electric commission, is given some credence in this city. It is furthermore stated that London will be one of the strategic points in the contest for the supremacy.

It was stated that the Edison Company was behind the London Electric and that the big company would materially assist them in the struggle for control of the power market here. The Americans would also back the scheme now in process of formation for the amalgamation of a number of radicals having London as their objective point.

The Reason.

The announcement following so closely upon the statement that the hydro-electric commission would continue the transmission line to Windsor reveals the reason for the activity of the merger, it is said.

A prominent electrical engineer, who has been engaged both in Canada and the United States, informed The Advertiser that undoubtedly the Edison Company intended entering the Canadian field.

May Be a Bluff.

"I just heard the announcement," he stated. "Of course, it is not authentic as yet, and it may be somewhat of a bluff at this present moment, but if the hydro-electric commission extend their line to Windsor in order to sell power in Detroit, the Edison Company will 'carry the war into Africa.' According to the plans of the hydro-electric, it will be necessary to sell a considerable block of power in Detroit. If my memory serves me right, the Edison Company is planning to extend its line to Windsor in order to sell power in the City of the Straits. The chief customer is the New York Central Company, or the Michigan Central here. Now the Edison Company control the electrical situation in Detroit, as they do largely throughout the States. They furnish the power to the D. T. R., and sell, much as does the hydro-electric, to a large number of smaller places and manufacturing concerns. It will be very evident that they do not regard with feelings of unmitigated pleasure the advent of any competitor to their field. It is quite likely that they will bestir themselves to make as much opposition as possible to the Canadian proposition.

"However, I do not know the details of the matter as yet. There are many sides to the whole proposition, and much must be learned, but along general lines that is the reason I have for looking for a fight.

"If they unite with the Canadian interests, a formidable combination would be effected. London, I fancy, would be one of the strategic points. Toronto would be the other. If the Toronto General Electric disposes of their holdings to the city of Toronto that city will be eliminated from the possibility of competition, and it is more than probable that London would be the centre of an interesting conflict.

The companies would be prepared to expend a considerable sum of money to gain their ends. It begins to look as if the city made somewhat of a mistake when they refused to purchase the London Electric."

It was stated on absolute authority that the hydro-electric commission are expecting a battle here. The hydro-electric commission and their agents have been preparing for it, and have everything ready to meet any opposition, they claim, that may be brought against the scheme.

If London is to be the buffer, the commission will back the city, it is said, in that undertaking.

So far as the London Electric is concerned, the directors say that so far as their knowledge here is concerned, nothing whatever has been done towards making that company the storm centre of a great fight for the power market.

"I have heard nothing of it," said Mr. J. C. Judd, K. C., solicitor for the company. "So far as I know, it is all news."

The other officials of the company expressed themselves along the same lines. However, it was hinted that something might be going on of which they had no cognizance in the city of London.

The Edison Company manufactures all sorts of electrical machinery. It is claimed that they have the most perfect apparatus for generating power by steam. Some of the experts have been looking over their machinery, and it is rumored, although this could not be confirmed, that the London Electric Company will probably install some of their machinery in their plant. It will be necessary to have more modern machinery if they are going to continue in the field against the hydro-electric.

American Experts Here.

It is also known that several American experts have been in the city of London lately looking over several propositions, among them the London (Continued on Page Eleven.)