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THE ALLEGED ONTARIO SURPLUS.

Most people are aware of the fact that the Ontario surplus is fearfully and wonderfully made up.

The Mail-Empire has collated these statements of the various Provincial treasurers during a term of years:—
1884—A. M. Ross' surplus\$6859,666
1889—A. M. Ross' surplus6,427,252
1890—Harcourt surplus5,809,995
1891—Harcourt surplus4,988,079
1900—G. W. Ross' surplus2,580,471
The Mail-Empire points out that the drop from \$4,000,000 to \$2,000,000, was because the Royal Commission could not find the difference and it points out that while there have been boasts of a surplus the debt has been steadily increasing.

"The thing commenced in a small way, and the figures of the debt were deliberately omitted from the public accounts until after the last general election, when the Legislature ordered that they be printed. They are in this year's blue book, and they show that the total amount the province owes and has to pay is \$5,870,000.

The debt shows an increase of \$655,842 during the past year, and of \$2,640,000 during the past ten years. We have been turned from a creditor province, holding \$3,810,000 in cash and bonds, to a debtor province, owing \$5,870,000, and the worst of it is that the rate by which the debt is now increasing is no less than \$2,000 per working day. The systematic cooking of the accounts for years in order to hide the truth and to deceive the public, was falsehood. The laying on a huge debt—the addition of a provincial mortgage to the Federal mortgage, which the Ottawa politicians are laying on—is worse than folly. Ontario ought not to owe a cent, and ministers who understand their business, would not allow a debt to come upon us."

BEET ROOT SUGAR IN ONTARIO.

A question that has been the subject of several international conferences within the last quarter of a century is that of the European sugar bounties. One of these conferences is now being held in Brussels, the usual meeting place of such gatherings. Unlike its predecessors, it probably will be the means of accomplishing something. At all events, the bounties now seem in greater danger than ever before. The British delegate went instructed to declare that unless they were abolished his government would impose countervailing duties. That is what the United States does under the Dingley Act, and Great Britain has long been urged to a like handicap tariff for the benefit of its sugar colonies. The British West Indies have been brought to the verge of ruin by the competition which has sprung up under the fostering influence of the Continental bounties, and would have been entirely ruined but for the United States' differential. An export bounty will be of no advantage to the German, Belgian, French, and Austrian sugar producers if it is to be neutralized in all the great importing countries by an equivalent extra customs tariff. It may be agreed by the delegates, therefore, that the bounties had better be dropped. It is known that some of the countries paying these premiums upon exports are desirous of discontinuing them, in the first place because they have become a heavy public burden, and, in the second, because they enable the manufacturers to export very high prices from domestic consumers, and are therefore unpopular. But if Germany continues the bounties, France feels that she has to do so as a matter of self-defence. Britain now says as many of them as please, may do so; for her part, she will fall all the imports from such countries, according to the aid received there.

If the European export bounties are abolished, the prospects for the beet-root sugar industry in Ontario, bright as they now are, will be greatly improved. To put an end to the foreign bounties would be to remove the main-spring of German competition, which now floods this country with sugar. Ontario, as has been proved by repeated experiments, carried on in various parts of its area, has the climate and soil to produce beets of great saccharine richness. Canadians are a sugar-consuming people. Perhaps there is no country in the world where the rate of consumption per head is greater than it is here. Not only is sugar used liberally on our tables, but it is absorbed in large quantities as raw material in industries which maintain an export trade. A country which produces fruit on so large a scale is bound to become a heavy seller of jams and canned fruits in foreign markets. At present Britain is pre-eminence in the jam trade, largely because she has the benefit of bountied continental sugar. When the bounties are discarded Canadian canning factories will have a better chance to compete with her manufacturers. In short, we have now in Canada a sugar market capable of taking up the output of more refineries of the native beet than we are likely to have for many years, and we can produce the best of raw material in any quantity required, at a cost which, though comparatively low, remunerates the farmer better than most other crops.—Mail and Empire.

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AMERICAN ENTERTAINMENT.

A few days ago at the City of New York, Gilbert Parker, M. P., had an experience of American entertainment that was, no doubt, surprising to our Canadian Imperialist. The New York Sun of Tuesday last gives an account of the incident as follows:

After the conclusion of the speaking at the Press Club dinner the other night when the Hon. William Sulzer took advantage of his privilege as a guest of the club to attack Gilbert Parker, M. P., for saying that as an Englishman he felt that the British were right in continuing the war in South Africa once that war had begun, there was an incident that was too late for publication in the newspapers the next morning. Mr. Parker had come in late and was seated in the place on the right of the toast-master, which had been vacated by Gen. Mills. When the speaking was over Sulzer walked grandly around the end of the guests' table and approached Mr. Parker, who was seated between President William C. Bryant and his friend Henry F. Gillig.

He opened on Mr. Parker with an expansive Sulzerian smile. He stretched out the Sulzerian hand. Mr. Parker eyed him coldly. "Mr. Parker," said the statesman, "I want to shake hands with you, sir. I hope you understand that no offence was intended in what I said, sir. You are a politician. So am I. You understand, of course, how we politicians have to do these things sometimes."

Mr. Sulzer's hand was still outstretched. Mr. Parker put his own right hand easily into his trousers pocket.

"I have no wish to shake hands with you," he said to Mr. Sulzer, and turned away. Mr. Sulzer first grew pale, then red, and his hand trembled. Then, summoning his smile again, he made a bee line for the door. Mr. Parker started up as if to follow him. Mr. Gillig asked where he was going.

"There are many things I wish to say to that man," said Mr. Parker, "which it would not be proper for me to say to him while we are both guests of this club. I want to talk to him on the street for a few minutes."

Mr. Gillig at length persuaded the Englishman that Mr. Sulzer was not worth talking to in any place, and Mr. Parker gave up the idea of a pursuit. But he did say that in a long experience of attending public banquets he had never witnessed quite such a performance as Mr. Sulzer's political assault on a foreign guest.

Of course Mr. Parker's good sense quickly showed him that the utterances of statesmen of the Sulzer type will never be received with consideration enough to cause them to be made a *casus belli*.

HIS POCKET BOROUGH.

Hamilton Times.
How would it do to change the name of North Oxford to Sutherlandshire?

DOWN ON RATE CUTTING.

Grimsey Independent.
The Wentworth Light and the Dundas Star, two newspapers from the vicinity of the Beverly swamp, made things lively at the last meeting of the Saltfleet council. They were so anxious to get the printing that they actually cut prices. That settles it. A printer that cuts prices should be killed, and the next time I meet those printers from Beverly, I will let the starlight out of one of them and knock the daylight out of the other.

Every Exertion a Task

There is failure of the strength to do and the power to endure; a feeling of weakness all over the body.

The vital functions are impaired. food does not nourish, and the whole system is run down.

A medicine that strengthens the stomach, perfects digestion, invigorates and tones is needed.

What Hood's Sarsaparilla did for John Y. Paterson, Whitby, Ont., it will do for you. He took it as a tonic and general builder of the system, and writes: "I have found no other remedy to compare with it as a restorer of vitality. It drives away that tired feeling, quiets the nerves, and brings sweet refreshing sleep."

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Promises to cure and keeps the promise. The earlier treatment is begun the better—begin it today.

ILL-GOTTEN WEALTH.

Toronto Telegram.
If \$5 bills really do carry disease the recent by-election will be responsible for an awful epidemic in West York.

BY ORDER OF THE EDITOR.
Dundas Light.
Dundas must be rebuilt. The houses must be fair sized, comfortable and at rents within the reach of laboring people.

DIDN'T DIE, ONLY COMMITTED MATRIMONY.
Ottawa Journal.
A member of the Journal staff was once one of an association of thirteen friends who had a summer camp near a Canadian city. They sat down to meals together many a day—thirteen of them. Nobody died. Some of them got married.

'RAH FOR CANADA!
Toronto Telegram.
Canada's output of high-class pork, butter and cheese last year is valued by the Toronto Weekly Sun at \$40,000,000.

The gold output of the Transvaal for the last good year before the war broke out was valued at \$57,000,000. Thus the cows and pigs of Canada have a producing power worth within \$17,000,000 of as much money every year as the gold mines of the Transvaal. The gold output of the Transvaal will of course increase. So will the pork, butter and cheese output of Canada, a country which, thanks more to the industry of her people than to the wisdom of her politicians, promises to become the richest land on earth.

THE ESQUIMO
The Esquimo eats blubber. The lumbermen eat pork. These people are constantly exposed to cold and physical strain. Experience has taught them that fatty foods give warmth and nourishment.

For those who have cold and thin bodies, or are threatened with consumption or any wasting disease, there is no fat in so digestible and palatable a form as Scott's Emulsion. Physicians prescribe it.

We'll send you a bottle to try, if you like.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto.

Pay what you will for mineral water, nothing to equal the MAGI Caledonia is obtainable; it is an honest, natural water. Sold everywhere.

If You Intend
To Build a House!
To Build a Barn!
To make Improvements in Your Old Buildings!
get your lumber from
Blonde Bros. & Co.

Get our figures for the whole of the work on your new house.

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

THE NORTHWAY CO. Limited

THE BUSY CASH STORE

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EMPHATIC BARGAINS FOR SATURDAY

A list of specials that no cash buyer can afford to overlook. Prices that are all in your favor. Goods that are the best that money can buy. Everything exactly as represented and your money back if you want it. Here's a few of the scores of money saving offerings we have prepared for Saturday shoppers.

800 Yards New Print, large range range of new patterns in light and dark colorings, fast dyes, Saturday per yard

600 Yards Swiss Embroidery, splendid range of patterns, narrow and wide widths, regular 7c, 8c and 10c a yard, special Saturday

4 Doz. Ladies' Lamb's Wool Vests, superior quality, buttoned front trimmed with silk, long sleeves, in natural black, white and cardinal, our special, at \$1.25 each; special Saturday

38 only, Ladies' Flannel Gowns—Good quality, in fancy stripe patterns, plain and lace trimmed ruffle on front, neck and sleeves, regular up to 60c each, Saturday

1 only Grey Lamb Cap—Wedge shape, rich satin lining, regular \$2.00 Saturday

One only Grey Lamb Cap—Rich full curl, satin lined, wedge shape, regular \$3.75, Saturday

5 only, Fur Ruffs—Electric Seal, also black and natural opossum, full shape, trimmed with tails, regular \$2.50 each, Saturday

1 only, Capeline—Astrachan and electric combination full size, satin lined, regular \$5.00, Saturday

1 only, Alaska Sable Capeline—Very choice quality, large collar trimmed with eight large sable tails. Heavy satin lining, regular price \$30.00 Saturday

Ladies Fur Goggles—Best grades in Electric Seal, opossum and Neutra wool lined, fine kid facings, regular \$5.50 and \$5 a pair, Saturday

Millinery—5 only, handsome trimmed hats, regular \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 Saturday

3 doz. Ready-to-wear—Felt hats and shapes, regular price 75c, up to \$2.00 each—Clearing Saturday at each

Boys grey astrachan curl caps, regular 35c to 50c each, Saturday at each

Boys reefers, black, navy and grey nap cloth, double breasted, velvet collar, well made, good linings, sizes 23

to 26, regular \$3.50 to \$4.00 each, Saturday

8 only men's heavy all wool frieze overcoats, Oxford grey, cut in latest fashion, fly front, velvet collar, well lined, good value at \$7.50, Saturday

14 pairs men's heavy cloth pants, pure wool, in dark stripe patterns, well shaped, assorted sizes, regular \$1.50 and \$1.75 a pair, Saturday

Young men's overcoats, heavy black curl cloth, fly front, velvet collar, satin lapels, regular price up to \$6.00 each, Saturday

600 yards shaker flannel, extra wide width, heavy weight, fine soft finish, fast colors, special per yard

2000 yards new prints, latest patterns and colorings, fast dyes, special at 8c, 10c and

300 yards dress trimmings, fancy gimpes, jets, sequins and braids, in large range of widths and colorings, regular 10c up to 50c a yard, clearing Saturday at a yard

SILK BARGAINS

530 yds. Rich Waist Silks, in stripes, checks, plaids and broches, regular 75c, 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 per yd., Saturday.....\$500

LAKE ERIE & DETROIT RIVER RAILWAY

L. E. & D. R. R. TIME CARD NO. 1
Effective Jan. 1st, 1902

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