

# THE BEE

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## The Dominion's Finances.

The account books for the fiscal year ending June 30 last were closed at the Finance Department last Saturday, Sep. 6th, the official statement showing surplus of \$4,000,000.

Revenue—	
Customs.....	\$23,971,351
Excise.....	7,601,426
Post-office.....	2,357,389
Public work including rys.....	3,800,110
Miscellaneous.....	2,131,095
Total.....	\$39,861,368
Expenditure.....	35,857,130
Surplus.....	\$4,004,238

The revenue and expenditure for the previous fiscal year was as follows:

Revenue.....	\$38,752,870
Expenditure.....	36,917,834

The expenditure on capital account during the year was \$5,737,357. The net debt on August 31, 1890, was \$236,659,930, a decrease of debt in the twelve months of \$1,488,707. The revenue for July and August, 1890, was \$6,525,691, and the expenditure \$4,274,434, about the same as in the corresponding months of last year.

## Faults in Farming.

Farming, to be a success, must be brought up to a professional standard. With that, as with all the vocations in life, knowledge, skill and ability are the necessary prerequisites to prosperity and profitable investment. Without these farming is all vanity and vexation of spirit.

The learned professions are wont to look down upon the farmer as a sort of beast of burden, ignorant, unskilled and fitted only for a condition of servitude. The truth is, that to be a successful farmer requires more and better brain force than is usually allotted to nine-tenths of the lawyers, doctors and preachers, and is also secondarily a fact that many of the farmers are wholly ignorant, unskilled and unscientific, and deserve no better designation than quacks, pretenders and agricultural pettifoggers. Such are not farmers at all, but mere laborers—drudges, or drones—who, if land owners, will eventually sooner or later, be led to the scaffold and be swung off at the end of a mortgage.

One of the principal faults now-a-days is what I would call trying to "farm big," without the necessary implements and help. Fertility is, of course, very important consideration, but what signifies fertility if cultivation—skilled labor—does not bring it up to the point of profit, and how can such labor be bestowed where there is not sufficient help at hand? Besides, nothing conduces much towards fertility as scientific cultivation. There are farms in the Miami Valley ranging from 100 to 400 acres, that have been put to corn, wheat and oats continuously for the last ninety years, and at no time during that long period were they systematically and thoroughly tilled. For ninety years the soil of these farms has received the annual skin deep turning over. No subsoiling was allowed or undertaken. For many years it was harrowed with a thorn bush and plowed with the wooden moleboard—the immortal bull plow; and corn, wheat and oats were the crops. The suns of ninety summers have had their effect upon the bare, unfertilized, unprotected, ill cultivated soil, and still the owners of these farms are trying to raise corn, wheat and oats in the face of an impoverished soil, increased taxation, a high protective tariff, the demonization of silver, and insufficient farm help. The idea of small acreage and diversified crops has never entered their heads. Of course these farmers have mortgages on their lands. Of course also, they tug along as well as they can without hiring help. They haggle it in and haggle it out; and at the year are financially behind. The mortgaged farms are plainly distinguishable from the public road. Pass along any of the highways and you cannot fail to pick out the mortgaged farm. Stop and talk with the owner and he will tell you that he is "in debt some" but intends to get out soon by raising a crop of corn, wheat and oats. Better not say anything to him about potatoes, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, etc., if you don't want to insult him. He has raised corn for fifty years, and if permitted to live fifty thousand years he would raise corn all the time, in "big crops," as he calls it. He's a three-cornered-man trying to force himself through a round hole. Tell him to sell 50 of his 100 acres and farm on the remaining 50 in diversified crops and according to improved methods, and ten to one he'll order you to go along and mind your own business. Such a man don't know that farming was originally an invention, and always, and still follows in the wake of new ideas and the inventive genius of progressive minds. He don't know that dad and the bull plow are both laid away to rest. He don't know the old ruts have been abandoned and a new groove made. But then once a mossback always a mossback. They follow the beaten paths of their great grandfathers with a resolute determination to do or die 'on corn, wheat and oats. They keep themselves strictly within the old ruts and everan eye on the ancient landmarks. This would be exactly the thing to do in morals, but it never will succeed in farming. In morals it is best to follow the beaten paths of honor, honesty, civility, courtesy and all the virtues of life. In morals the world is mostly fools and adherents pertinaciously to the antique regime. The moralist hates a new idea; he never originates one himself nor allows another to do so if he can help it.

## Notice to Creditors.

All notes in favor of the Executors of the late Francis Graham are now past due and we hereby notify all parties indebted to settle by Dec. 1, 1890. All notes not met by this date will be handed over for collection.

GEO. GRAHAM, Executors  
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**Bornholm.**  
Miss Penfold, of Brantford, is visiting some of her friends in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ward were suddenly called away to Woodstock last week to attend the sick bedside of the latter's mother; however, we are glad to learn that she is recovering.

Mr. Harvey, 14th con., recently went to Toronto Hospital, where she underwent the painful operation of having a cancer removed. Although a great deal better, she is not wholly recovered.

**Poole.**  
Mrs. (Dr.) Wilkins and Miss Hill, of Chicago, are visiting Mrs. A. Large.

Misses Jane and Nettie Shearer, of Bright, are the guests of Mrs. Jas. Bright.

Rev. Mr. McDonald, of Stratford, held a prayer meeting at Mr. Kines' residence last Thursday evening.

Mr. Corrie let the contract Monday for building the approaches to the new bridge on the boundary between Wellesley and Mornington. The contract was secured by Mr. Opfer.

**NEWS OF THE DAY.**  
Ten thousand of the Belgian strikers have resumed work at the mines.

A New Orleans dispatch says the cotton crop this year is the largest ever grown.

At Moncton, N. B., a girl has been sleeping nine days and nights and it is impossible to rouse her.

The steam barge Stimson, owned in Toronto, carried away the gates of lock 15, Welland Canal, last Monday evening.

Our young friend, C. J. Wynn, teacher, has one of the finest ponies that has entered this locality. It is a three-year-old, and was purchased from Mr. Love, of Barrie. Charlie justly feels proud of his stepper.

**25c. SECURES  
THE BEE FROM  
NOW TO JAN 1, 1891.**

## House and Lot for Sale.

A desirable House and Lot for Sale in the thriving village of Atwood. An excellent chance for intending purchasers. For particulars apply at ALEX. CAMPBELL'S Harness Shop, Atwood.

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## PRIZE ESSAY

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We have decided to publish a Special edition of THE BEE on Nov. 14th, 1890, on pink paper, and purpose introducing new and attractive features, such as Original Poetry, Short Stories, Literary Sketches, etc., and invite the hearty co-operation of our friends to assist us. As an incentive to draw out the literary talent in the community we will give the successful competitor HENRY M. STANLEY's world-renowned Book, entitled

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Oct. 15, 1890.

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WM. RODDICK, Painter, Brussels.

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H Red Pepper, R Mace,	P
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E Ginger, N Turmeric,	E
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