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THURSDAY, JAN. 23.

THE TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

The method of book-keeping adopted by the Ontario Government renders valuable the annual statement of the accounts as interpreted by the Provincial Treasurer. Casually reading the abstract published on Monday one would be inclined to the belief that the finances of the province were in a prosperous and improving condition. An examination of the details of the statement shows conclusively that such is not the case. The ordinary revenue was \$3,949,043, and the ordinary expenditure \$4,038,834, a deficit of about \$90,000. When our expenditure was less than three millions the Toronto Globe said it was time to call a halt; the limit had been reached. But, regardless of the Globe's warning, the expenditure has gone on increasing ever since. In 1899 it was \$3,710,420. Now it has passed the four million mark, an increase of over three hundred thousand in three years. To meet this increasing expenditure and show a balance on the right side of the ledger, the license fees have been largely taken from the municipalities; municipal taxation of corporations has been diverted to the provincial treasury, and our timber assets sacrificed to a greater or less extent as the exigencies of the situation demanded. The ordinary revenue claimed by Mr. Ross, and set off against ordinary expenditure, contains an item of \$517,000 received from the sale of timber limits. Imagine a farmer disposing of ten acres of his land for \$500, and at the end of the year, finding he had \$200 to the good, boasting of his surplus on the year's transactions! He has \$200 in money it is true, but he was the poorer by \$500 in land. Mr. Ross claims a cash balance of \$427,209, but the province has been denuded of timber to the extent of \$517,000. Nor is that the most serious phase of the question. The Provincial Treasurer, in striking his balance, takes no account of the railway expenditures for the year. To meet those expenditures, we have had to borrow \$655,342. Our railway debt now amounts to \$5,870,040, an addition of \$2,600,000 in ten years. It looks, indeed, as if it were time for a change.

INFIRMITY ON THE BENCH.

Several esteemed contemporaries have been indulging in plain talk about the efficiency of certain high court judges owing to physical infirmities, the natural results of old age. It is pointed out that the administration of justice is hampered by ineptitude on the bench—that it is unfair to lawyers and litigants to have cases tried before judges who cannot hear half of what is said by counsel and witnesses and whose intellectual faculties are so affected by senile decay that they cannot retain in their memories the details of a case even while it is in progress. All this criticism is just. And all that is said about the necessity of some means of retiring judges whom age or infirmities have made inefficient, is also timely and called for. But there is one rather important matter in relation to this question to which we have not seen any reference; that is, the serious unwisdom of appointing elderly men to the bench. That is, we think, where the trouble begins. It is the very root of the trouble. Lawyers whose efficiency at the bar has begun to decline owing to advancing age—lawyer-politicians who have served their party for many years in or out of parliament, and being well stricken in years, look to the bench as a safe refuge in old age as well as a reward for services rendered—these are too often successful candidates for the judicial ermine. Personal and political rather than public considerations too often rule in such appointments. The bench should be adorned by the most verile men in the legal profession. Instead, it is coming to be regarded as a sort of asylum for worn-

out lawyers and politicians. These men, appointed late in life, must soon show signs of mental decline; there is a natural reluctance to superannuate them after so short a term of service; and they linger on, cumbering the service which they should strengthen. Last year a lawyer-politician whose age was within a year or two of seventy years was elevated to the bench. It is now proposed to raise to the supreme court bench another gentleman who is more than seventy years of age. The Planet trusts that the Government will think twice ere it makes the appointment.

HIS LONG FELT WANT.

What Hon. G. W. Ross wants to discover is a referendum that will fool the prohibitionists without offending them.

A CHANCE FOR ROSS.

London News.
If they ever take to using iron knuckles at Fort Erie, Mr. Ross may be able to legislate intelligently on scrap iron.

A CREDULOUS CANADIAN CAPITALIST.

Buffalo News.
It is not just creditable to the United States that the Yankee inventor who has improved on the Santos-Dumont flying machine has had to get his financial backing from Canada.

THE JOKE WAS ON THE LADY.

Belleville Intelligencer.
They are telling quite a joke on a certain married lady. It is said that she sat up recently till one o'clock in the morning, waiting for her husband to come home. At last, weary and worn out with her lonely vigil, she went upstairs to retire, only to find the missing husband there, fast asleep. Instead of going down town he had stolen upstairs and crawled into bed, and it made his wife so mad she would not speak to him for a week.

STATE-OWNED RAILWAYS.

Toronto Globe.
From an American government report it appears that about one-third of the railway mileage in the world is owned by governments. About nine-tenths of the German railways, two-thirds of the Russian railways and one-half of the Austrian railways are owned by the governments. In Italy nearly all the railways are owned by the government, but leased and operated by companies. A large proportion of the French railways will become the property of the government in fifty years. In Australasia government ownership prevails, and government ownership would be in a majority were it not for the United States, with its 199,378 miles of privately-owned railways, more than the whole railway mileage of Europe.

JOURNALISTIC LOVE TAPS.

Woodstock Sentinel-Review.
The brace of contemptible little canines down street, that are always yelping at the heels of the Sentinel-Review, were worked into a state bordering on hydrophobia this week by the success of the dairymen's convention, more especially by the evidence that most of the dairymen of Western Ontario seem to know of the existence of only one newspaper, the Sentinel-Review, in the Industrial City—a self-evident fact that we fear we are not able to remedy. The result is the usual noise from the little whippers referred to. . . . The little green-eyed yelpers have merely shown how they feel over the success of the dairy convention, and the part which some one took in it in the interests of the city and the Oxford district. The yelpers ought to go away out behind some cheese factory and lie down in a whey tank.

DRESDEN

Jan. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. Sandy McVean are giving a progressive card party to a number of friends this evening. Miss Eva Blackburn entertained a number of friends on Tuesday evening. Two of the canning factory directors were in town on business yesterday. E. H. Dwyer, having sold his Brock street residence, is disposing of his furniture by private sale. Mr. Dwyer and family will reside at the Clifford House. Mrs. McDonald, daughter of Mr. Draper, Victoria avenue, who is seriously ill was, at last reports, slightly better. We understand that C. P. Watson has sold the residence owned by him on Brock street and at present occupied by F. A. McKim. Carrier boys are not authorized to collect subscriptions. Our collector calls in each town once a month; if a subscriber wishes to pay his account before the collector calls, he must remit direct to The Planet Office, Chatham, as we will not be responsible for monies paid to carriers.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes was an enthusiastic amateur photographer. When he presented a picture to his friend he wrote on the back of it: "Taken by O. W. Holmes & Sun."

THE TURPENTINE WOULDN'T WORK

The Pitiful Experiments of a Young Man to Cure Himself of Rheumatism.

Liniments, Oils, and Everything Failed to Relieve His Sufferings—He Used Dodd's Kidney Pills, and They Cured Him.

Boisevain, Man., Jan. 22.—(Special)—Five years ago, Mr. C. S. Holden, of this place, then quite a young man and a farmer's son, became almost a cripple with Rheumatism. His own account of his experience is very interesting. He says:

"For about a year and a half I had a dull pain in my right shoulder. It grew much worse in cold weather, and in winter was so bad that I could scarcely use my arm at all. When I went to bed I would have to take my left hand and hold my right shoulder to turn over. The pain was nearly unbearable, and all I could hear or get, but all to no purpose. Nothing seemed to give me the slightest relief. I was growing very downhearted as it looked as if I was never going to find anything to cure my dreadful pain."

"Now it happened that we had some of Dodd's Kidney Pills in the house—we always keep them—and having tried everything else, my father suggested that I take some. I commenced, and when I had taken three doses I felt some better, and I kept on going. In a few days the pain was all gone."

"This is five years ago, and I have not had the slightest pain or ache since."

How to Teach a Pet to Ride a Ball.

Many readers have doubtless seen bears standing on a rolling ball and maintaining their balance perfectly while rolling it about the arena. I have a bear who delights to do the trick. He can scarcely wait for his time to come to perform. He was taught, as they are all taught, by juggling his pedestal while he tried to keep the ball from falling off. Gradually the pedestal was substituted for a ball with many flat places on it, and this was followed by a perfect sphere. He has been performing two years now, and I have never known him to slip and fall off.—Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly.

Both Sides.

Johnnie—What does it mean by "seeing the humorous and the serious side of things?"
Father—Well, my son, take a bit of orange peel, for example. How many sides has it?
Johnnie—Why, two, of course.
Father—Exactly. And when some other man steps on that orange peel he sees the serious side of it and you see the humorous side.—London Tit-Bits.

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Girls' coats, long lengths, for ages 6 to 12 years, in fine, brown, boucles, frieze and tweed mixtures, smart up-to-date garments, beautifully trimmed and finished, regular \$4.50 to \$6.50, clearing at \$3.98.



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8 only, Ladies' Coats, heavy all wool frieze, fine beaver cloth and rich boucle curls, cut in latest styles, 27 in. long, coat or storm collar, lined and unlined, in black, navy, Oxford and fawn, regular price, \$6, \$6.50, \$7.50 and \$8, clearing at \$4.48.

Ladies' Long Coats, in heavy, all wool, black and Oxford frieze, semi-box and fitted back, coat or storm collar, extra well finished, regular price \$7.50 and \$8.50, clearing at \$4.98.

11 only, Girls' Reeder Coats—Fine cloths, matty styles, in fashionable colors, sizes, 4 to 12 years, regular prices \$2.50 to \$4.50 each, clearing at \$1.89.

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Yours sincerely,

D. McLACHLAN.

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REV. DR. MORRIS WECHSLER, Rabbi of the Cong. Bnai Israel, New York, Jan. 3, 1901.

Drs. Taft Bros., Medicine Co., Gentlemen,—Your Asthmalene is an excellent remedy for Asthma and Hay Fever, and its composition alleviates all troubles which combine with asthma. Its success is astonishing and wonderful.

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Feb. 5, 1901.

Dr. Taft Bros., Medicine Co.

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Yours respectfully,

O. D. PHELPS, M. D.

Avon Springs, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1901.

Dr. Taft Bros., Medicine Co.

Gentlemen,—I was troubled with Asthma for 22 years. I have tried numerous remedies, but they have all failed. I ran across your advertisement and started with a trial bottle. I found relief at once. I have since purchased your full-size bottle, and I am ever grateful. I have family of four children, and for six years I was unable to work. I am now in the best of health and am doing business every day. This testimony you can make such use of as you see fit.

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