





ONTARIO ASSEMBLY

Third Legislature—Third Session

THURSDAY, JAN. 24. After routine, Mr. Wood, in a forty-five minutes' speech, delivered the usual financial statement. The receipts for 1877 had been as follows:

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INTERESTING SUMMARY OF NEW CANADIAN.

A QUARTER'S FOOD FROM AMERICA. Statistics have been compiled of a quantity of American food landed at Liverpool during the past three months.

A French Canadian named Chapel, of Napierville, Que., buried five children recently, all of whom died of diphtheria within the space of 24 hours.

Several counterfeit \$10 bills on the Ontario Bank were discovered at Toronto. Their execution is almost equal to the genuine, the only difference being in the coloring around the figures.

A fire occurred at Toronto, about a mile out, burning the house and two children of Mr. Johnson (coloured), aged respectively three and five years, the parents having left the children in bed while going to town.

Mr. J. A. Chapman has taken an action of damages for \$20,000 against the Ontario Bank and its directors. His action is based on the fact that the bank had issued counterfeit bills.

The Board of Trade returns for December and the year just concluded are published. They show a marked increase in our exports, but only a small improvement in imports.

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The Weekly Mail.

TORONTO, FRIDAY, FEB. 1, 1878.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

On Thursday, in a brief speech, the Treasurer put before the Chamber the financial position of the Province. Mr. Wood is a clear and lucid speaker, and what he said was essentially correct...

Table with 2 columns: Receipts and Expenditures. Receipts: 1869 \$2,260,170; 1870 \$2,500,695; 1871 \$2,338,179; 1872 \$3,080,747; 1873 \$2,922,747; 1874 \$4,446,347; 1875 \$3,530,679; 1876 \$2,780,387; 1877 \$2,452,077; 1878 \$2,451,000. Expenditures: 1869 \$1,192,356; 1870 \$1,081,663; 1871 \$1,816,866; 1872 \$1,847,066; 1873 \$4,612,212; 1874 \$3,871,482; 1875 \$3,094,424; 1876 \$1,460,620; 1877 \$2,368,315; 1878 \$2,542,000.

The following table shows the amount of the surplus or deficit in each year since Confederation, the sign + representing surplus, and the sign - deficit: 1868 \$1,088,000; 1869 \$1,180,000; 1870 \$1,420,000; 1871 \$616,000; 1872 \$1,213,000; 1873 \$425,000; 1874 \$274,000; 1875 \$31,000; 1876 \$1,000; 1877 \$91,000.

FARMERS AND PROTECTION.

The Grit protest too much when he kept dipping into our ears that the farmers care nothing about Protection; and we can understand that with them the wish is father to the thought. Full well do they know that their doom is sealed from the time that the farmers agree in demanding reciprocity of tariffs as the alternative of reciprocal Free Trade in produce with the United States.

ANOTHER OLD REFORM PRINCIPLE ABOLISHED.

By the Act of 1863 setting apart the endowment funds of the University and the College of Upper Canada, the former and the latter institution are empowered to deal with the current expenditure of those funds. And in capital expenditure all that is necessary is for them to procure an Order in Council. In neither case, whether as to current or capital account, has the Legislature any control over the expenditure.

THE BUREAUS AND THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT.

After a long struggle the brewers have obtained from the Supreme Court a judgment declaring to be ultra vires an Act of the Ontario Legislature imposing a tax upon them for the privilege of doing business in the Province. The brewers contended that as in the first place they were required to pay an impost to the Dominion Government there was no fairness in their being subjected to a tax imposed by the Ontario Government.

LOOKING TO THEMSELVES.

While Free Trade visionaries here are concocting their schemes for the commercial annexation of these Provinces to the United States, our wide awake, practical neighbors are busy looking after their own interests. The brewers are no exception. They are not only looking after their own interests, but they are also looking after the interests of their constituents.

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It is observed that the new King of Italy takes to himself the title of Humbert IV, an assumption evidently intended to give the King of Italy the same rank as the King of the Netherlands. The King of Italy is generally praised as a discreet and extremely well-versed despot.

followed him, though they established the justice of discrediting Parliamentary Control by showing first, that Mr. Macdonald had not sought to amend the Act of 1863 prior to Confederation; and secondly, that Mr. Sanderson Macdonald had not sought to do so subsequent to that period.

A SECOND PAMPHLET BY HON. D. L. MACPHERSON.

We are very glad to announce that Senator Macpherson has published a second pamphlet, being a reply to the malignant attacks which have been made upon him by Ministers of the Crown and their adherents, and by the Grit organs. It is a masterly vindication of the positions and opinions of the author, and a scathing criticism of the Government, as well as an incisive exposure of its blundering corruption.

HALIFAX ELECTION.

Mr. Jones has been elected by a majority not yet definitely known, but which will probably range between one and two hundred. Four years ago his majority was 2,145. The result is not calculated to cause surprise when we consider the many powerful influences which were operative in his favor.

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and also to avoid the dire result, sure to bring humiliation and sorrow to one or the other, perhaps to both. Royal alliances are not of such national importance now as in days gone by, but we may fairly suppose that their influence must be rather in favour of peace between the Courts or countries.

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with an area larger than Italy, and having greater numbers of its own inhabitants, than the latter, although the latter boasts as big as Holland and Belgium combined. This extent of territory would itself be sufficient for any ambitious conqueror to rule over; but if the proposed Confederation be consummated, the Orange State, which forms the power centre, link of the colonies, will, in all likelihood, join the Union, and its area, larger than France, will be more than sufficient to support the magnitude of the Dominion.

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When we remember what the civil war did for American commerce, causing the Republic's merchant marine almost to disappear from the seas, we can the better understand one great source of strength to the people of England in the present crisis.

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With respect to the prospect of British intervention in the East, the Viceroy of India says: "What can England do? Strengthen the garrison of Malta? Land 30,000 troops at Gallipoli? Send an army to Constantinople? or a squadron to Baku?"

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There are two persons of distinction who must feel supremely uncomfortable in these times of war and rumours of war. Imagine the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh at parting, he to take at least a nominal command of a ship, with the duty of battering to pieces as many of her father's ships, and subjects too, as possible.















