

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

DECEMBER 17, 1896.

UNPLEASANT FIGURES.

The cold figures of revenue and expenditure by the Government of Canada are not exhilarating to the taxpayer. According to the official statement published in the Canada Gazette the results for November are a decrease of \$382,995 in revenue, an increase of \$1,275,909 in expenditure, and an increase in debt of \$5,819,644, as compared with November of last year.

Table with 2 columns: 1895, 1896. Rows include Customs, Excise, Post Office, Public Works, Railways, Miscellaneous, Total, Expenditure, Surplus, Capital account, and Public debt.

When the Liberals entered office the revenue was buoyant and times were looking up. Since that time every circumstance has favored better times.

THE MINORITY'S PROTEST. THE EXAMINER has been accused of trying to keep alive the Manitoba School Question. Than this nothing could be further from the truth.

They are wholly insufficient to redress our wrongs, while they utterly fail to make good the pledges solemnly made to the electorate by the members of the Federal Cabinet and of Parliament.

As loyal citizens of a British country, we ask for British justice—no more, no less. As devoted upholders of British institutions, whose primary is an honorable adherence to the spirit of the British constitution, we demand that the constitution of our own country be respected.

THEY WISH THEY HADN'T. The Halifax Herald reports that the Star Chamber investigation under Captain Douglas is likely to be abandoned on account of dissatisfaction and recrimination in the ranks of the Liberal party.

Our \$16.50 fine Beaver Overcoats are the best value in town.—S. A. McDonald,

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Where is the Storm Petrel, now? —St. John Record: It is somewhat peculiar sign of the times that Britain should be discussing protection while Canada is discussing the advisability of adopting "Free trade as it is in Britain."

There are now no vacancies in the Senate. Seven have been filled by the last administration. The report of the British Mineralogist says that England is within an appreciable distance of coal exhaustion.

The Spanish Government says that no reforms for Cuba will be discussed until the rebellion is completely crushed. Two more cases of smallpox have been reported to the health officials in Winnipeg. This makes five cases in that city.

The Queen will leave Windsor Castle on Friday for Osborne, where she will receive a family party during the Christmas holidays. Prince Charles of Denmark and his wife are going to Copenhagen at the end of the week for the first time since their wedding.

The Moscow police have seized a number of political letters and papers at the students' lodgings and have made 49 more arrests. The French Government has decided to abolish the penal settlement at New Caledonia. The convicts will be sent to Madagascar instead.

Great indignation prevails in British antiquarian quarters at the conduct of rural contractors in breaking up Druidical remains to mend country roads. It is understood that upon the opening of the British Parliament the Radicals will make a bitter attack upon Mr. Chamberlain for his Transvaal policy.

Ernest Kemp, oyster expert for the fisheries department, has returned to Ottawa. A number of beds will be planted next season for the Maritime provinces. Hon. Mr. Fisher has gone to Washington, United States, for the purpose of discussing with the authorities the abolition of all quarantine restrictions on stock and other animals between Canada and the United States.

According to the British Medical Journal, the long standing question of providing a statue to Darwin in his native town (Shrewsbury) has been settled by the Shropshire Horticultural Society undertaking to defray the entire cost, estimated at £1,000 to £1,200.

A Chicago clerk recently threw a book agent forcibly out of his office, after refusing to take the man's card into his employer, and was justified by the judge before whom he was tried for assault, who held that such forceful methods were justifiable in dealing with book agents.

THE CUBAN TROUBLE. Macco's Assassination—Consulate Under Guard—Cuban Volunteers. According to a late despatch from Washington the reported assassination of Macco has reminded the Cuban question in the House, although many of them say that the information up to date is insufficient to justify any assumption by Congress that Macco was assassinated.

ANOTHER VIEW OF OUR LOCAL AFFAIRS.

—Having carefully read Mr. Stewart's and Mr. Shaw's letters on our local affairs, differing so widely in their views on our educational system and its cost, I would suggest a middle course. The greatest part of the increase in the cost of education for some years past has arisen from the increase of the number of second-class teachers employed. At present every teacher holding a second-class license can draw full salary for that class in any district regardless of his standing in the school.

Another change that would have a good effect in more than one way would be to allow male teachers holding a third-class license to teach under that license only two years; then they should be required to obtain a higher license or drop out of the profession. A man that cannot rise above a third-class teacher should give it up while he is young and go to some other calling.

Mr. Stewart's proposed changes would leave the responsibility of keeping up good schools on districts separately, and to my mind, it would practically ruin many a school, as there is not public spirit enough in every district to keep up a good school, and as a consequence, we should have many inferior schools throughout the country which would be too great a price to pay for the benefit contemplated.

Both ideas are wrong. We are not in any straits that we should destroy any schools; neither are we so flush with money that we should pay out thousands of dollars without commensurate returns for the expenditure. The question will be asked, "what saving can be effected by your proposed change?"

These, Mr. Editor, are all the savings that can be safely made in the cost of education, and the shortage in our revenue must be made up some other way. But \$15,000 represents about half of our land tax, and if it can be saved annually, our educational system actually improved, why not do so?

Another saving can be effected by reducing our Prince of Wales College to a Normal School with two good teachers, thereby effecting another saving of \$2,000. We want a Normal School for the education of the first and second-class students only as a necessary part of our educational machinery, and we need not go beyond that. Our first-class or high schools could prepare students for third class examinations; in fact, they are doing it now.

Every day the bankrupt stock is getting less. We are having a big run and our clerks are kept hustling all day. A great many of the lines are already completely disposed of. The Fur and Ladies' Jackets are selling very rapidly. Fifty cents almost buys one dollar's worth. A grand chance and all kinds of good goods, call and get bargains while this bankrupt stock lasts.—W. A. Weeks & Co., wholesale and retail.

Unless you have suitable boots to attach your skates to, we have just received another lot of Hockey boots which you should see before buying your skating boots. These are acknowledged by everyone to be the best hockey boot in the city.

Call and get some of those nice dinner and tea sets before they are all gone.—W. P. Colwell, decl 2w 2w

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MARRIED.

At the Parochial House, Indian River, on the 17th ult., by Rev. Rev. McMillan, Daniel J. White, of Emerald, to Katie A., daughter of John K. McDonald, of Springfield, Lot 67.

At the home of the bride's parents, on the 30th ult., by Rev. Donald M. Campbell, John Lewis Westaway Wheeler, to Sarah McKay, youngest daughter of Mr. George McKay, both of Murray River.

Xmas Cards, Calendars and Booklets, a splendid assortment, at McMillan & Hornsby's. Hockey Sticks.—Now in a full assortment of Hockey Sticks, best make in Canada. Also, Shin Guards in leather and canvas, at McMillan & Hornsby's.

Apple Auction.—Our sale on Saturday morning will be the biggest and last for the season. The stock is a superior lot, and will all be sold without reserve.—E. H. Norton, Auctioneer.

Visit Paton & Co's. grand exhibit of Xmas Presents on Saturday. See Paton & Co's. grand display before you purchase your Xmas Gifts on Saturday.

Visit Paton & Co's. store and see a splendid display of servicable and seasonable gifts on Saturday.

Severe Snow Storm. HALIFAX, Dec. 17. There was a heavy snowstorm yesterday and during last night. Reports from New England points indicate that the storm was severe in that section.

Twas a Love Affair. PLYMOUTH, N. H., Dec. 17. Harry Prizzell, aged 19, shot Mrs. Edith Calford Young, aged 38, yesterday. A love affair was at the bottom of the tragedy.

The Cornwall Campaign. CORNWALL, Ont., Dec. 17. Premier Laurier spoke here last evening. He will be replied to this evening by Hon. Mr. Foster.

Neuralgia is the prayer of the nerves for pure blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the True Blood Purifier and nerve builder.

TELEGRAPHIC.

SPECIAL DISPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER. THE TARIFF COMMISSION. No Free Traders to the Front So Far.

Cartwright Running the Show—The Finance Minister Nervous and Irritable. MONTREAL, Dec. 17. Hon. Messrs. Cartwright, Fielding, Paterson and Tarte began their enquiries here yesterday on the tariff question, and many lines were heard. So far, however, no free traders have been heard, and mostly every one wanted an increase.

Cartwright was the essence of politeness, and seems to run the entire show, while the Finance Minister appears nervous and irritable; in fact, he got quite angry over a charge made against the Americans of slaughtering goods in Canada.

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Johnson's Baking Powder gives fullest satisfaction 25c a pound. Johnson & Johnson. Holiday Headquarters.

The great majority of people do not usually buy their Christmas presents until the last day or two, and nothing we can say will make everybody buy in advance.

People who wish to avoid the tremendous rush just before Christmas, will make their selections this week. All the Goods are in now; fresh, clean and choice, and the prices lower than ever before. Last Christmas, many could not get into the store at all, the crowd was so great. It will be the same this year. Santa Claus' Headquarters is the magnet that draws all Christmas buyers. It is the great supply source for Xmas presents.

COME EARLY. "A word to the wise is sufficient."

Carter's Bookstore. Sale of Papers and Magazines. The Annual Sale of Papers and Magazines of the Catholic Literary Institute will be held in the Reading Room, on Friday evening, next, 8 1/2 o'clock. J. M. SULLIVAN, Secy-Treas.

For Xmas Baking. Our stock of Xmas Groceries is fresh and of the very best quality, comprising in part:— 4 crown California Muscatel Raisins, Layer, Valencia, Raisins in half boxes and Boxes, Sultana (Seedless) Raisins, vostizza and cleaned Currants Citron, Lemon and Orange Peels, English Mince-meat, Shelled Almonds and Walnuts Pure Spices and Flavorings, Fine Pastry Flour, Dessicated coconut.

APPLES BIGGEST AND LAST SALE Auction SATURDAY, AT 10 30 O'CLOCK. Positive and unreserved orders to close out the entire stock.

200 BARRELS Including choice varieties of winter stock and 50 barrels handsome "Green" and 40 barrels of the best "Bishop Pippin" ever sold. Should Saturday be unfavorable, the sale will be held Monday at the same hour.

A Clear Sheet of Ice and Band at the Rink Monday. Suggestive of winter and Xmas times! What are you going to do?

Let Us assist. It pleases us to show our goods even though you're not a buyer. We think our stock well selected and containing many nice articles.

A. W. REDDIN, Phm. B. Central Drug Store. "Sunshine."

Porto Rico Molasses. Fifty puncheons, very choice. For sale by— HORACE HASZARD. Ch'town, 17th Dec., 1896—2w eod

P. E. Island Railway. Xmas and New Years Holidays. EXCURSION RETURN TICKETS at ONE FIRST CLASS fare will be issued to and from all stations from the 21st inst., to the 1st January, 1897, both inclusive, good for return up to and on the 1st January, 1897. Tickets are not good after date of issue, and are not for continuous journey only in either direction.

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J. B. Macdonald's Old Stand, Directly Opposite the West End of the Market House. For gentlemen GIFTS. Lined and unlined Kid Gloves, Fur Gloves and Mitts, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Ties and Scarfs in endless variety, Sweaters and Cardigans, etc at Useful, Serviceable, and ornamental. Good Service and Good Goods.

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