

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

APRIL 5, 1894.

THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.

The Provincial Legislature has been in session for upwards of a week. But we are enabled to give the public even an inkling as to the state of the public accounts at the end of last year. The Auditor's report was long ago prepared, and it has been printed at length. But the blue books are stored away in some private drawer. They are being deliberately withheld from the Legislature and the public. The reasonable enquiries of the Leader of the Opposition concerning them were bluntly answered by the Premier. There would be no delay; the accounts would be promptly tabled.—This was the gist of the Premier's reply. But for some unknown reason there is delay; the accounts have not yet been tabled. Whether the Premier is deterred by a sense of shame, or whether it is part of his plan to keep the people in the dark until they are too deeply engaged in the business of planting to give much attention to the public accounts, it is impossible to say. The methods of the Provincial Government are, at all events, in strong and unfavorable contrast with those of the Dominion Government. Months before Parliament met the public accounts of Canada were in the hands of every representative of the people. Promptly as soon as Parliament met the estimates for next year tabled, and the budget, including a new tariff, has been for upwards of a week before Parliament and the country. The men at the head of Canadian affairs are business men and statesmen. The men at the head of affairs here are not so.

SENATOR FERGUSON IN THE SENATE.

It is pleasing to note that the first speech of Senator Ferguson in the Parliament of Canada made a decidedly favorable impression. Referring to it, the Hon. Senator Power, of Halifax—a leading member of the Opposition—is reported to have said:—

"I must express my gratification at the fact that the Government have called to the Senate a gentleman like the hon. member (Mr. Ferguson). His speech was good, and more than that, it was a common sense speech; there was no special pleading in it—no denunciation of people who happen to differ from him in their political views as being enemies of their country. We had here, as most members of this House will recollect, a gentleman from Marshfield, in Prince Edward Island, who was one of the model members of this House, and I am glad to think that the hon. gentleman who now sits in this House is a worthy successor to him—I refer to the Hon. Mr. Haythorne, a gentleman universally loved and respected."

Hon. Senator Scott, Leader of the Opposition in the Senate, said:—

"I desire to offer my congratulations to the Senator from Prince Edward Island who has been selected by the Government to move the resolution on which to base the address in answer to the address from the Throne. That hon. gentleman need not have asked the forbearance or indulgence of the House although the Senate would be always ready to grant an indulgent hearing to all its members. It is for he has given us evidence that he is not unaccustomed to addressing deliberative bodies. The hon. gentleman was clear and explicit, from his own standpoint, and although I do not agree with all his conclusions, yet I admit that it was a very interesting speech that he delivered to this Chamber, and I have no doubt in the future we shall have opportunities of hearing his views on the various questions which come up for consideration."

Hon. Senator Rossell, the Senate Leader of the Government, said:—

"I join most heartily in congratulating the hon. member upon the admission to it of this House from P. E. Island. It is always to-day has been one who gives promise that in the future he will be of great advantage to us, however old or experienced we may be in our legislative duties, and, however perfect, or I should say, imperfect in our ideas of governing the country. After long study and a good deal of experience in the political sphere in his own Province, he has come to a conclusion which I am certain every thinking man in the whole Dominion will not only appreciate, but approve."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—We have to ask all correspondents and contributors to "cut it short."

—Mr. Prowse, M. P., desires us to state that he never intended during his canvass that he would, in any case, support a license law.

—Montreal Gazette: Speaking locally, two classes are likely to appear without whom the changes made in the tariff, namely, the farmers and the importers, both of whom will find ground for satisfaction in the new rates.

—We announce to-day the death of Mr. Malcolm McNeill, an aged and highly respected resident of Traveller's Rest. Mr. McNeill's death was caused by apoplexy, and was instantaneous. We sympathize with the wife and family bereaved.

—Henry Clews says: "Evidence as yet beneath the surface indicates that, no soon as pending obstructive legislation is out of the way and business has resumed its normal course, there will be a launching of new enterprises that will give employment to the large amount of now idle home capital, and at the same time attract active co-operation from foreign money centres. It therefore would not be surprising if, twelve months hence, we find the United States and Europe in the midst of a marked revival of investment and speculation."

—Mrs. Sullivan has received the enclosed correspondence regarding the wedding gift from the women of Canada to their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of York.

YORK HOUSE, ST. JAMES' PALACE, S. W., 3rd March, 1894.

DEAR CONTESTERS OF DERBY:

I am desired by their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of York, to send you the enclosed reply to the very kind address you presented on behalf of the women of Canada, and they would be much pleased if you would kindly forward it to them.

Yours very truly, F. DE WINTON, York House, St. James' Palace, 3rd March, 1894.

From their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of York.

To the women of Canada: We thank you very much for the beautiful wedding gift which the Countess of Derby has given us in your name, as well as for the address which accompanied your present.

We are deeply touched by the kind expressions and good wishes contained in that address, and we can assure the women of Canada that we shall never forget the proofs of their affectionate regard.

OTTAWA CORRESPONDENCE.

Long before the opening hour on Wednesday last, the halls and corridors were filled with men and women intent on hearing the most important budget presentation that has been made by any Finance Minister since 1873. "White chokers" were in abundance, for a goodly number of ministers had been in attendance at the Prohibition Convention in the forenoon. Those who had been unable to attend, however, were not without their share of interest in the Budget Speech, or why they should be granted any special privileges in the galleries. I am at a loss to understand. Business men and all who take an interest in the progress of Canada naturally desire to hear the Finance Minister make his annual statement, but if one chances to get a seat in a favorable position, he scarcely has time to warm before he is requested by the doorman to vacate it for some deaf old dogger, with powdered face and scraggy shoulder, or for some chit of a girl who does not know the Government from the Opposition, or the Budget Speech from a Chablis manuscript.

During the delivery of the Budget Speech, or, at least, of that part of it reciting the proposed changes in the tariff, the Government takes control of the telegraph lines and transmits to its Customs officials in all parts of Canada notification of the changes. Until this is completed, no private individual can get a message through of course, and the night telegraph operators of the C. P. R. and the G. N. W. Companies—the heaviest since one night during the debate on the Biel question in 1888. The C. P. R. wires transmitted 38,300 words—the highest last season was 136,000.

Your readers are already aware of the changes which have been made, and that there has been a general slice off all around which, the Finance Minister estimates, will result in a reduction in the revenue next year of one and one-half millions. I could not commence to give you a report on Mr. Foster's speech, for you would not have space for it. It is acknowledged by friends and foes to have been a masterpiece. He spoke from a quarter to four till six o'clock, and from half-past eight till 11 p. m., and during the whole time never moistened his lips with even a sip of water.

Mr. Foster commenced his speech by a reference to his last session's estimate of the current year's revenue and expenditure, which had both exceeded his anticipations. The actual revenue had been \$38,168,608, an increase of \$1,246,737 over the previous year's estimate. Expenditure had been \$38,844,652, leaving a surplus of \$1,354,556. The present year's revenue, owing to hard times, he did not expect to exceed thirty-six and a half, or three-quarters millions. But by reducing expenditures and living within its means, the Government hoped to pull through without a deficit. Great works, chargeable to capital, were approaching completion. In this respect, Canadian vessels would pass through the Sault Ste. Marie Canal, and there would be left only the outlay necessary to complete the St. Lawrence canal—\$8 or 10 millions of dollars being required to give them 14 feet depth.

Mr. Foster then proceeded to show that the commerce of Canada during the past year, showed well not only when compared with past years, but with other countries. Australian, English, French and United States trade had decreased, while Canadian imports had increased \$12,185,000, and the support of home products had increased \$5,500,000.

Mr. Foster then entered into the history of the Protective Tariff in Canada, and defended it as the only proper system for a new country. The Liberal-Conservative party had opposed the policy of protection in 1873; it had existed on that principle up to the present, and it proposes to exist for many days to come on that principle. The government policy was "Moderate, definite and unshakable, could the opposition say the same of their policy? He challenged the Opposition, in view of a general election ere many months, to be frank with the country and tell the people what is their trade policy.

That a protective policy did not mean high taxation was proved by the fact that in no year from 1873 to the present has there been more than 21 per cent. upon the dutiable and non-dutiable goods, on an average of an valorem impost, and that the average has been 18 per cent. Taken in connection with the extensive free list, the tariff was remarkably moderate, not extending up to the present 171 per cent., or a shade below it. Nor did the N. P. lay a heavy hand upon the consuming population, so far as staple products of consumption are concerned. Building material, wood, coal, breadstuffs, tea, coffee and raw sugar were free; boots, on which there is a duty of 25 per cent., and cotton of about 25 per cent., are produced as good as cheap in Canada as elsewhere, and so with wheat. The duty on iron last year amounted to only 22 per cent.

Continuing, Mr. Foster pointed out only to a certain extent was the argument true that protection entailed the price of manufactured goods. It had done so in the initial stages of the National policy, but as the vantage ground of industrial activity gained, enhanced cost under the tariff lessened, for competition set in. And hon. gentlemen opposite were unfair in their speeches to the country in charging the National Policy with increasing the cost of the articles by the amount of the protective duty for the reason that the estimate of the increase could only be based on the difference between the protective and the revenue tariff, of say 17 per cent. Their talk of "equalized duty" was without force or logic in this free country, for the policy of protection had been endorsed by the people repeatedly, and its results had been beneficial. In the periods of stress and storm, which have occurred from time to time, in the cycle of fourteen years, he went on, Canada has stood the strain better than ever she did during similar periods before, and comparatively with other countries has stood them out the better for the larger prosperity. In these fifteen years, our record has been one of progress. The locomotives of Canada today travel ten thousand miles more than they did in 1878. The transport of 2,000,000 more passengers and 17,000,000 more tons of freight and they earn \$33,000,000 more. They pierce every portion of the older provinces, they are like a net spread through the North-West and reach the limits of British Columbia and with our canal system, which has been enlarged and extended, with our steamships plying from ports on the Pacific to the Atlantic, to all the points of the compass, forming great lines of transport, developing Canada, binding together the different parts of the country, furnishing means of commerce and bringing our products and our raw materials, and gathering the colonies of the Mother Country. This is the record written in broad lines and it does not need the assertion that the National Policy has been a bright and a course to this country. Continuing, the Finance Minister quoted from the census industrial returns to show the further development of Canada and the increased employment given to the people. Best of all, free list had been added to it and it was only fair to credit the government with these reductions if they were to be charged with the impost. The aggregate amount of taxation remitted since 1852 on the articles enumerated amounted to \$29,500,000 or an average of about \$2,500,000 a year. In 1893 when he had the honor of announcing to Parliament that we had a surplus of \$1,354,000, had we kept the taxation on these articles which rested upon them at the inception of the N. P. he should have had added to that surplus the sum of \$5,500,000.

NEWS NOTES.

The delay in tariff reform across the line prevents United States trade recovering.

Herr Neft, a German newspaper editor, has been sentenced to six months in jail for inciting class hatred among the people. There are some Canadian newspapers whose utterances suggest that the rough German way of dealing with nuisances may have good justification.

The Modern Invalid.

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HERBERT HAZARD, P. O. Box 136, Charlottetown. ap5-1m eod

Now, continued Mr. Foster, there have been a number of changes since 1878. Since the inception of the National Policy, fourteen years have gone by. Changes have taken place in the business conditions of this country itself, changes in the value of

PERSONAL.

Mr. C. E. L. Jarvis, Insurance Inspector, arrived here this morning. He is registered at the Hotel Davies.

Mr. W. L. Warnings, Inspector of Boilers and Machinery, arrived here last evening on a tour of inspection.

According to Edmund Yates, Mr. Justin McCarthy is about to retire from the leadership of the Irish National parliamentary party.

The late Lord Hannen was the son of a London merchant. Personally he was a man who would command respect in any company for his simple dignity and natural grace of manner.

Mr. Aug. McCraith, Secretary of the Boston Typographical union no. 13, delivered an interesting address at the Equity union, Oak street, that city, recently. His subject was "Competition vs. Monopoly."

The address is reported in full in the Boston Printer. Mr. McCraith is a Charlottetown man.

At the Queen Hotel last evening there were registered: E. Boswell, Victoria; J. M. Martin, M. D. Montague; J. Stewart, do; Mrs. J. Ross, Mount Stewart; Miss Rogers, do; H. S. Sharp, Summerside; Jas. B. Russ, do; D. Stewart and wife, do; J. M. Clarke, do; D. A. Sharp, do; Henry E. Wright, do.

At the Easter Service in Christ Church, Windsor, N. S., in addition to the regular chorists and canticles, a very pretty anthem, "As it Began to Dawn," was rendered by the choir, the solo being taken by Master Eddie Mitchell. The Journal says: Master Mitchell was a member of the Archdeacon's choir in his former parish of Charlottetown, and his beautiful voice owes its training to the rector, who was choirmaster there, as he is in this parish.

The arrivals at the Hotel Davies last evening included: Rod McKinnon, Montreal; Horace E. D. Foster, do; Mrs. S. S. Side, Mrs. B. C. Cox, Souris; Miss Cox, do; M. Maloney, Quebec; H. J. Massey, S. side F. R. Phillips, Toronto; G. I. Mansfield, Boston; Edwin Murray, St. John's; N. B. Joseph, Donnelly, Halifax; John A. Robertson, Montreal; W. L. Warnings, St. John, N. B.; P. J. O'Rourke, Montreal; E. Wilde, Boston; R. D. Thorne, Montreal; Wm. Bayfield, St. John.

The Truro Sun reports that Miss Annie K. Dinnick left on Monday morning for Charlottetown, P. E. Island, to take charge of the millinery department of Ber Bros. there, and says: "We must congratulate these gentlemen on this acquisition to their business, as we know whereof we tell them they have got one of the best milliners they have ever had, for style, work and quality done. Miss Dinnick spent the last year in one of the most fashionable establishments in New York, where she acquired a knowledge of the latest improvement in her art."

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