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MR. FIELDING'S THIRTEENTH BUDGET SPEECH.

Hon Mr. Fielding's latest budget speech was the thirteenth he has been called upon to deliver. And judging from its tone and contents, and the big surplus announced there is nothing of the traditional ill-luck which attaches to the number. No other Canadian Finance Minister ever yet delivered so many budget speeches as has Mr. Fielding, and it may be doubted whether any public man in any country has done so.

Surpluses have a pleasing sound, even if the capital account is suspiciously large, and we have no doubt that the surpluses of one party are quite as genuine as those of the other. Therefore it is further noteworthy that Mr. Fielding has not only delivered more budget speeches than any white or colored man now living, but has also broken all records as to the number and the size of the surpluses he has announced.

Mr. Fielding's thirteenth budget has called forth effusive compliments from the Liberal press from Sydney

to Vancouver. Their joy and congratulations are very genuine. The Finance Minister was long a modest newspaper man in Halifax, and his fellow craftsmen are, in the language of Colonel Roosevelt, "de-lighted" to note the ease and grace with which the sometime editor can think in millions and gather and disburse a hundred millions of dollars in a year. Even the most rabid Opposition writers have a kindly word for the Finance Minister who graduated from a newspaper office, and has not grown proud in his exaltation.

We are told the net debt of Canada is some 324 millions. Viewed alone those figures would seem quite formidable, but in presence of a revenue of a hundred millions and surpluses of fifteen to twenty millions a year it looks small. So long as the revenue, without an increase in the rate of taxation, grows faster than the debt, even the solemn warnings of Mr. Foster will raise no very serious alarm in the breasts of busy and prosperous Canadians.

THE DAYLIGHT-SAVING BILL AT OTTAWA.

The bill for saving daylight by a change in the working hours, which was before Parliament last session, has been re-introduced. In the meantime the method seems to have lost in England much of the favor with which it was first received there. A present bill provides that between the first Sunday in April and the first Sunday in November the time shall be one hour in advance of the present. In other words, all the clocks and watches would be set ahead one hour in April and set back again in

November. It is hard enough now to keep track of the time-tables of the steamers and railways, with their spring, fall and winter changes, but what would it be if in addition we had all the clocks and watches on a double shift every fall and spring? And the daylight can be saved without all that trouble if the people will of their own choice rise earlier, have breakfast and other meals earlier, and begin and end the day's work earlier. There is no widespread enthusiasm for the bill so far developed.

Mr Warburton M. P. wired from Ottawa yesterday contradicting as absolutely false the report that he was a party to offering a Senatorship to Mr McLean. We had not before heard the report which Mr Warburton denies. He goes on to state that if any Liberals made the offer, they did it without his knowledge or consent. The Guardian accepts Mr Warburton's denial as to the facts within his knowledge, but this does not settle the matter. The Patriot affects to treat the affair as a hoax. Conversation with a number of prominent Liberals yesterday leads us to think the matter is much more seriously regarded by them.

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