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CANADA'S FINANCIAL YEAR.

The Canadian financial year ended with March, and the result of the year's receipts and expenditures has been given out from Ottawa.

Table with 2 columns: 1906-7, 1907-8. Rows include Customs, Excise, Post Office, Public Works, Rys., Miscellaneous, and Total.

These receipts are the largest in the history of the Dominion and are not yet complete. It will take two months to complete the full returns and a very considerable addition to the revenue will be shown when all the returns are in.

The total disbursements for the year stand in the statement issued at \$93,218,927, but large additions are yet to be made to this.

Another noteworthy feature of the annual statement is that while showing a booming revenue for the year as a whole there was a marked decline during the last two months, February and March, indicating that we have already passed the crest of the wave.

If we go back twelve years to the date of the accession of the Liberal Government, we find the total receipts of the Dominion for the year

ended with June 1896 were \$36,618,590 as against \$94,708,982 now, and the receipts from taxes in that year were \$27,759,285, as against over \$73,000,000 now.

The population of Canada was then about five millions and is now about six millions. This would make the federal taxation in 1896 a little more than \$5.50 per head and at the present time over \$12 per head.

Large as is this volume of taxation the amount is not realized because it is paid indirectly, yet it is as real as if the tax-gatherer collected one dollar per head per month or \$60 per family throughout the Dominion.

The big Parliaments of Britain and Canada sometimes have all-night sittings and our local legislators have fallen into line. Talking against time in the House, however may be a good way of "limbering up" for the election campaign that is coming.

CENSUS, CROP AND STOCK FIGURES.

A census bulletin recently issued gives statistics of live stock and crops taken in 1907 compared with figures show an increase over 1901.

According to this bulletin Prince Edward Island produced 5,452,830 bushels of potatoes, 4,593,750 bushels of roots, 325,697 tons hay and 7,634 tons corn forage. All these figures show an increase over 1901.

The live stock statistics for this Province in 1907 show 34,127 horses, 53,182 milch cows, 61,106 other cattle, 110,986 sheep, 55,213 swine, and 723,213 head of poultry. In horses, other cattle, swine and poultry there was a favorable increase over 1901, particularly in poultry, where the number was increased by 154,735 head. There was a decline of 2,512 in the number of milch cows and of 14,189 in sheep. It is somewhat noteworthy that in the same time the number of cows in New Brunswick increased by 22,714 and in Nova Scotia 15,417. The number of sheep in New Brunswick increased by 69,920 and in Nova Scotia by 106,391.

Neither the Parliament of Canada nor the Legislature of Prince Edward Island as at present constituted possess the power of closure hence the assumption of that power in the Legislature yesterday morning was purely arbitrary and also regrettable. Parliamentary rules and settled procedure in Canada is wisely framed for the protection of minorities. At Ottawa both Liberal and Conservative minorities have from time to time exercised the right to prolong the discussion and the sitting of the House continuously for two days and a night, but in no case did the majority usurp the power of shutting off discussion.

The pay of members in the Legislature has been a fruitful topic for a few days past. It is much lower here than in any other Province of Canada, and our public men deserve credit for not having unduly increased their receipts. A Legislature which has a record extending back for 135 years and whose members are still content with a modest indemnity of \$200 per session has not been much addicted to salary grabbing. On the other side there is something also to

be said. With deficits year after year in the treasury our Legislators are practically paying themselves out of borrowed money. Howe, Tupper, Johnston and Tilley in New Brunswick were content to serve in the Legislatures of those Provinces for \$4 a day. Bigger indemnities have not made bigger public men than these.

Advertisement for SEIGEL'S SYRUP. Includes an image of a person and text: 'CONSTIPATION IS DANGEROUS... TAKE MOTHER SEIGEL'S SYRUP DAILY AFTER MEALS.'

Advertisement for J. G. Jamieson Malt Extract. Text: 'A Good Appetite... Malt Extract... It's a remarkable appetizer as well as a fertilizer.'

Advertisement for THE NORTH BAKERY. Text: 'BREAD 32 Ounces—8cts... When you get our bread you get full weight--you get the best that can be baked.'

Advertisement for D & A FORM-TRAINING CORSET. Includes an image of a woman in a corset and text: 'You will be Stylish if you wear this Superior Model--"The Corset without a Rival".'

Advertisement for JAMES PATON & CO Window Dress. Includes an image of a window with curtains and text: 'Window Dress... Get new curtains and make your HOME LIFE look bright.'

Large advertisement for Mark Wright Furnishing Company. Text: 'Elegant Brass Bed to be Given Away! Here's a Competition Which will End in Somebody Getting an Elegant Brass Bed Without It Costing Them a Penny!'

Advertisement for H. H. BROWN. Text: 'Buy your new hat at H H Brown's... WE ARE SHOWING A NICE LINE OF ROAD CARTS, LIGHT CONCORDS, ROAD WAGONS, BUGGIES AND RUBBER TIRE RUNABOUTS.'

Advertisement for GOFF BROS Boys' Boots. Text: 'Boys' Boots New New... The nicest line in the city in Box Calf, Dongola, Buff and Split for Spring and Summer wear.'

Advertisement for H. M. DAVISON Inverness Railway and Coal Company. Text: 'New Advertisements Inverness Railway and Coal Company... Navigation is now open for the season from PORT HASTINGS the shipping place of the Celebrated INVERNESS COAL.'

Advertisement for Aquiri. Text: 'Aquiri 40.051... Aquiri is a beautifully-gaited, level-headed animal horse trotter. The rich inheritance of speed and all other race-winning qualities that enable him to become the most successful sire of early and extreme race-winning speed in the Maritime Provinces.'