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THE BUDGET SPEECH.

It can scarcely be said that Premier Bell's budget speech was a disappointment. It was about what had been expected, with possibly one exception.

Whether it was courage, imbecility or repentance that prompted Premier Bell to explain his right-about-face on every opinion he had ever expressed when in opposition we shall leave his constituents and the public at large to decide for themselves.

The one exception referred to above was Mr. Bell's personal attack upon the Provincial Auditor, Mr. John Anderson, whom he charged with "conspiring" with the government in making unauthorized expenditures.

The exposure by ex-Premier Arsenault of the change of front by the Bell aggregation since assuming office, a summary of which appears elsewhere, and the figures presented by him to show the distorted accounting of the Liberal party in preparation for their taxation measure will require no comment.

It was significant that throughout Mr. Bell's whole two hours speech his followers sat in unbroken silence; not a suspicion of a smile, not a symptom of appreciation.

A DISCOVERY.

The Patriot has made a discovery before which Sherlock Holmes, Conan Doyle and all the rest of the detective fraternity of fiction and of fact must hide their diminished heads.

The scheme is transparently easy as exposed by the Patriot. This opposition to the imposition of the tax is to cut off the revenue with which the Bell government was to keep the province out of debt.

Who would have thought that those Liberals and Conservatives at Peakes Station for instance would have had such a far fetched scheme up their sleeve when they organized that indignation meeting and passed such a resolution against what they called an iniquitous tax measure?

The wisdom, the almost supernatural insight into human nature displayed by the Patriot in making this discovery is, to put it mildly, awesome. Mr. J. Hance Logan, the indefatigable Nova Scotian promoter of Maritime Union, must also be involved in this deep and diabolical scheme.

CURRENT COMMENT

The Patriot continues to harp on the "dishonesty" of the taxpayers. And it asks, "How then is it possible in the face of such evasion and dishonesty for a government to provide means for the payment of teachers, for the upkeep of the roads and bridges?"

In its savage rage the Government is threatening big retributions through its irresponsible organ. Those villains of dishonesty are going to be held up to the public gaze, and those things to be given "in detail," and "let its action in this respect and the consequences of the exposure fall upon the guilty parties."

How suddenly the Patriot has transformed into a Daniel coming to Judgment. "In years gone by," that is when Liberals were in opposition, "men might have viewed politics as a game," but now that they are in power, it declares, "the present is altogether different."

Another month has sped by since those awful disclosures were made in the Patriot, as to the unhabitable condition of Falconwood Hos-

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Because I hold it sinful to despond And will not let the bitterness of life, Bing me with bursting tears, but look beyond Its tumult and its strife.

pital and the Infirmary. Public tenders have not yet been called for to remedy the intolerable state of affairs, and no measure of relief has been applied for to the legislature.

The evening prevaricator has taken a notion to correct some of its errors. In some cases this might pass as an indication of repentance, but the fruits are wanting.

But it still persists in the portion of its own manufacture, which being made out of whole cloth in its own office, they think safe from documentary contradiction.

In its Squib and Fib department, from the one pen and of office construction, an attempt is made to throw covert threats at fox men and protect the Attorney General from the results of his folly all in one breath.

Just as their glaringly false representations of the finances and the condition of our public works was a prelude to the most shameful breaches of political faith, culminating in an equally shameless increase of the peoples burdens under a badly conceived TAXATION ACT.

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JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES

How tired out and "nerve-frazzled" we women get sometimes! Our ambition and our energy are so much greater than our physical strength that we scarcely realize that we are overdoing until tired nerves and body call insistently for a rest.

THE TOUCH OF NATURE

The swales are full again after their May shower, regardless of the fact that it is long past the schedule time for spring freshets. But they hold a more genial warmth than those early floods made by the melting snows.

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