

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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THE CANADIAN REVENUE IS BOOMING.

The revenue of the Dominion is rolling up in unexpected volume and now promises to be very nearly one hundred millions of dollars for the year ending with March next, or ten millions more than Mr. Fielding ventured to estimate when he made his budget speech last spring.

From these reasons a betterment of thirty millions is counted upon as compared with last year, leaving a surplus on ordinary, or consolidated, and account of twenty millions. These expectations, if realized will give the largest surplus in Canadian history, a prospect upon which the country is to be congratulated in several respects, but hardly in all.

A booming revenue raised principally from import duties and excise gives indication of expanding trade, and of increased purchasing power on the part of the people. Canada has had a year of good crops and active industries. Her people were never before so many in number, and seldom, if ever, more prosperous. Again, an overflowing revenue lessens the amount to be borrowed for the great public works now under construction,

and should enhance the national credit.

But after all is said the great bulk of the money pouring into the treasury represents taxation, and a heavy amount of taxation per head than Canadians have yet paid, though not a higher rate. And the money that comes so easy to the Finance Minister's hands is not likely to be so carefully husbanded or so frugally expended as if it were less plentiful. For Mr. Fielding, despite the fine ability which all will credit him with, has ever held the federal purse-strings with a loose and easy hand.

Twenty millions of surplus in prospect seems desirable when vast public works are under way and navy building about to begin. One half that sum would probably be sufficient to build the Tunnel from this Island to the mainland, and even if there are large other demands, we hope the Tunnel project may be booked for early commencement after the coming survey has been made. Two or three millions a year for three or four years expended and the work would be done, an old pledge made good, a Province pacified, two Government railway systems united, a well-paying public work, most creditable to Canada, created, and nobody hurt.

GROSS ABUSE OF THE PARDONING POWER.

From time to time for years past the Guardian has recorded its protest against what we conceived to be the abuse of executive clemency in the liberation from jail of persons who had been duly tried, convicted, sentenced and imprisoned for violation of the Prohibition law. A few days ago the Quarterly Meeting of the Baptists of Prince Edward Island also adopted a strong resolution of protest against this action which was declared to be "practically defeating the purposes of the Prohibition Act and prejudicial to the morals of the community."

Now this has been followed within a few days by the release of another violator, within a few minutes of the time when the jail doors were locked upon him. The case is that of Ernest White, who after his conviction and sentence here about a year ago, found it convenient to escape to Sydney. On his recent return to this city he was arrested and placed in jail, with the result just stated. He was released, it is said, within thirty-five minutes. There seems to be a note of defiance in the Governor's latest answer to the repeated protests of the temperance

community.

The matter cannot rest here. The abuse has grown too grave for further tolerance. Both parties in the Legislature joined by unanimous vote to enact the Prohibitory Law and behind it are the great majority of the people of Prince Edward Island. But it is altogether in vain for the Legislature to enact laws and prescribe penalties, or for the courts to hear evidence and pronounce sentence if one in authority opens the prison doors as fast as they are closed, in defiance alike of the will of the people, the act of the Legislature and the letter and spirit of the law.

For no other offence than illegal liquor selling has the Lieutenant Governor thus interposed his authority. It is humiliating to think that a high prerogative should be thus degraded and abused. An indignant people should make their voice heard in the higher place and before the higher authority in Ottawa to which the Lieutenant Governor is answerable for his acts. There has been much talk in months past of such a memorial being prepared. The time is now ripe for action, unless the entire temperance community is content to be flouted, insulted and defied.

HORSE NOTES.

A. E. Simpson, Bayview, has purchased from Hector McNeill, New Dominion, Flora F., a filly from Mr. McNeill's imported mare Edith O'Neill. The price paid for this filly is up in the three figure mark and judging by the pedigree Mr. Simpson has received full value for his money. Edith O'Neill was one of the mares imported in December 1908 by a party in Ontario and later was bought by Mr. McNeill who is a veteran horseman. He was at one time interested in the breeding of bloodstock and knows a good thing when he sees it. Capable judges who have seen Flora F. have been unanimous in declaring that she is a most promising bit of horseflesh.

SIR ALFRED JONES PASSES TO HIS REST.

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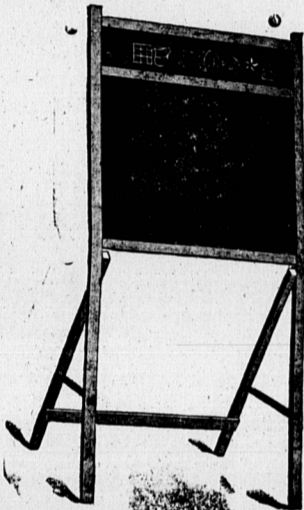
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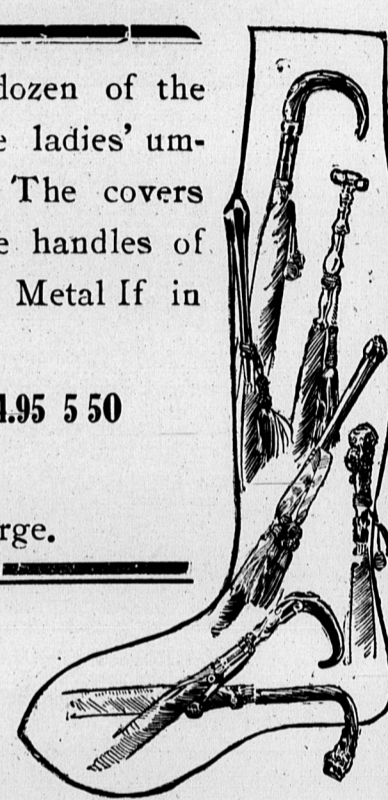
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