

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25.

Hon. Mr. PETERS, in moving that the House go into committee on the supply, he felt it was necessary that he should make a full and free explanation of the situation. It was necessary that he should show, not only what money was to be expended, but he should also show how the money was to be raised.

He pointed out that the budget for the present year was \$5,363,000, while the present administration only pay \$4,125 for the same work. Our average is also smaller on the administration of justice and postage stamps.

We have also cut the cost of legislation in two, and saved the cost of an election, as we have only one House. Now let us look at the future. We will cut down all expenses without curtailing the efficiency of the public service. First, the salaries of the heads of departments have been reduced by \$100 a year, instead of \$50, as stated. The reduction this year, however, is only \$50, as it is only for the half year.

We also propose to reduce the maximum supplement to teachers from \$150 to \$25, and a bill to this effect has been passed. After July, the supplements will have to be paid at the reduced rates. This state will make a substantial reduction in years to come. The bonus clause has not worked satisfactorily as it gives rise to favoritism. The effect of the passage of the Act of this session will be that in a few years, the bonus system will be ended. The Opposition claim that we are injuring the Education system. The Government, of which I am Leader, would never do anything that would tend to injure the education system. We are simply yielding to the people's will in repealing these clauses. The Opposition accuse us of appointing an additional inspector, although we have refused to do this in the face of the recommendation of our Chief Superintendent that such an official was imperatively necessary. If the estimate for the year, say, you will see a small but important item, viz., \$2,000 for road machines. In a short time we shall place one of these machines in every school district. The effect of them for a year or two, however, will be largely experimental. Then we have a scheme in regard to statute labor. After this we will allow a man to commute his statute labor for 50 cents, and this will be used on the road machines. Our estimated expenditure this year is \$302,000. The estimates are over, rather than under the mark; they are real estimates. We have in them \$11,000 for a new steamer for the Southport ferry, and \$1,200 for a new boiler for the Hospital for the Insane. These expenditures could very properly be charged to Capital Account. The ordinary expenditure will not be more than \$290,000. He estimated that the revenue for the year would be as follows:—

Subsidy from Dominion Government and fees from Provincial Offices.....\$200,000

Income Tax.....8,000

Poll Tax.....8,000

Insurance Companies.....4,000

Banks.....149

Trust Companies.....150

Telegraph Companies.....250

Commercial Travellers.....2,500

Land Tax.....30,000

Land Office.....40,000

.....\$293,300

This, if we only spend \$290,000, will give a small surplus. But he thought more was expected of him on the present occasion than a mere statement of revenue and expenditure. As he stated before, the Government has been careful to consider measures well before bringing them in, and the result is that it will raise \$20,000 outside of the former altogether. Under our system every man on the Island will have to bear a share of taxation. Now how are we going to tax the farmers? Gentlemen on the other side of the House, while running their election, have advocated the sending of the assessors first and the tax gatherer afterwards. This may have been the proper way in their opinion, but he did not think it was himself. We intend to impose an acreage tax. That idea was carried out some years ago, and appeared to work well. We will have a scale to determine what each man shall pay. We propose to divide the land into five or six grades, valued (say) at \$5, \$10, \$15, \$20 and \$25 an acre. That under \$5 an acre would pay 1 cent; between \$5 and \$10 an acre, 2 cents; between \$10 and \$15, 3 cents; between \$15 and \$20, 4 cents; and between \$25, 5 cents; \$25 and over, 6 cents an acre. We will not send around assessors to value the land. We will appoint in each township a man with power to collect the taxes and the assessor. Each farmer will appear and affirm the value of his land. The man who deals dishonestly will cheat both the Government and himself. He did not think, however, that the people would act dishonestly in the matter. There may be some peculiarly situated pieces of land that this system will not cover, such as a small piece in the middle of a large tract. These will be dealt with singly. Village sites will be taxed on their own value, and not on their mere acreage value. He thought also that a poll tax would be put on, but the amount would be so small that it would hardly be felt. The income tax would also yield a fair return. He thought all would agree that this tax and the tax on banks and insurance companies was perfectly right. With respect to the tax on travelling agents, opinion seems to be divided. Some wanted a tax of \$50 and others thought \$10 would be enough. The Government would compromise and take a middle course. These are the proposed tax. But some will ask, what about the succession tax? He thought it would be almost impossible to get anything from that source. There will be no tax on the estate, but in the time of great need, the Government will find a good fat sum placed to its credit at the banks from that source, as a result of some rich man dropping off. The scheme of trying to evade tax would fail here as it had failed elsewhere. He thought that very few persons on their dying bed would try to cheat the state. Now, said he, some of the estimated revenue may fall short—the revenue from that source fell off last year because some of the gentlemen on the other side of the House told the people during the last campaign that if they returned to power they would give double the discounts given by the present administration. Everything, however, is now put up as usual, and is going down. The amount of debt the Province owes today is not very large. It has been magnified for political purposes. The cities of Halifax and St. John have larger debts than this Province and they do not cry bankruptcy. They

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SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER

AGRARIAN CRIME IN IRELAND.

A Caretaker Brutally Murdered.

The Dastardly Deed Denounced.

CORK, April 26.

The revival of agrarian crime in the murder of caretaker Donovan, on one of the farms of the Earl of Cork and Orery, Glenlora, County Cork, on Friday evening, has created great excitement throughout the country and among all classes of the people. All the priests in the diocese of Cork denounced the murder from the altars.

Champions of Home Rule and the old Land League are foremost among those engaged in searching for the murderers. Two men named Duffy and Shelley were arrested.

PARLIAMENT OF CANADA.

House of Commons Proceedings.

OTTAWA, April 26.

In the House of Commons yesterday a resolution condemning the Ottawa Free Press contentions of Parliament, for publishing a slanderous statement regarding Mr. Speaker White, was passed. The article imputed partisanship to the Speaker in his ruling.

The debate on the Northwest School Question was resumed, and occupied the whole of the evening session.

On Friday Mr. Davies will enquire of the ministry if they know that the custom house officer on the frontier between Hamilton, Me., and Woodstock, N. B., is a saloon keeper.

An Innocent Girl Assassinated.

CINCINNATI, O., April 25.

Mary Gilmartin, a clerk employed by the Palmyer-Galvanic Belt Co., was shot and instantly killed while on her way to work. The murderer was arrested and gave his name as George Reed, aged 30. But letters in his pocket identified him as a Catholic priest—the Rev. Dominic O'Grady. Insane jealousy of the girl and her desire to get rid of her unwelcome attentions caused the tragedy. Miss Gilmartin came to this country from Ireland last September, and four months later Father O'Grady followed her.

Obituary.

ST. JOHN'S, April 26.

L. N. Robertson, business manager and member of the publishing firm of the St. John Globe, died yesterday.

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Libretto of the "voce parts" will be placed on Programme for the Hall.

Admission at popular price 75c. Reserved Seats 1.00. Tickets for the whole of the Opera will be sold at 10c. Bankin's and Johnson's, 15th Street (Street) Drug Store, on Monday, 16th inst., and for second performance on Thursday, the 19th inst., at 10 o'clock, a. m.

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