

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

The Budget Speech.

Financial Standing of the Province.

The second order of the day for the House in Committee of Supply having been read,—

HON. MR. SULLIVAN, Leader of the Government, said:—I rise to move that the House go into the order of the day, but before doing so I desire to make a few remarks on the state of the Province. I have delayed for several days past to make this motion in order that the Opposition might have ample opportunity to procure from the Government all the information they require to enable them to discuss in an intelligent manner the financial situation. Hon. members of the Opposition have asked for certain returns, and, as far as these could be prepared in the various departments, they have been submitted to the House. Some of these documents are yet in course of preparation, but will be brought down as soon as they are ready. So eager were hon. gentlemen opposite in seeking for information for the purpose of making a case against the Government that they demanded a return of the small amount distributed to the paupers; and that demand was complied with. Mr. Speaker, when last I had the privilege of addressing the House on this subject I submitted estimates of what I thought would be the receipts and expenditure for the year ending on the 31st December last. Now, I dare say that I shall be reminded by the Opposition that these estimates did not turn out to be entirely accurate. But I must remind the House, as I have on former occasions, that figures submitted on occasions of this kind are only estimates, and cannot be expected to prove to be entirely accurate at the close of the year. In order that they should be entirely accurate, the Government should have control of the elements and know the exact returns which will be received from every source of revenue. Now, this is something they cannot do. In comparing the figures which I submitted last session, with the actual returns of the past year, so far as the Revenue was concerned, I find that they were very nearly accurate. I then estimated that we would receive from all local sources about \$254,000. I dare say hon. members will be surprised to learn that the actual receipts were only about \$150 short of that amount. It will be observed that there has been a considerable falling in the amount received at the Land Office. The actual receipts in that department for the past year were about \$12,000 less than the sum estimated. Hon. members have had the public accounts before them, and have no doubt observed that the expenditure was, in some cases, beyond what was anticipated, and in others less. The total expenditure was \$279,939.40, and the total receipts \$253,242.22, leaving some little difference against the Province. We may now be told that this difference should not have occurred, that there has been a balance against us year after year, and that the country is getting into a very bad state indeed. If hon. members were to go back a few years, they will find that when the present Government came into power the expenditure was very much in excess of what it is at the present time, and that we have reduced it by upwards of \$100,000 per year. It will be better that I place the exact figures before the House in order that hon. members and the people of this Province may be able to see what has been accomplished by the Government. Under the Davies Government in 1877 and 1878, the expenditure was as follows, viz:—

Table with columns for Expenditure in 1877, 1878, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, Total, Average expenditure for 9 years, Excess under Davies Government, Add excess expenditure for education for nine years, Add the following receipts, Total, Making a total of, and an annual average expenditure of.

Table with columns for 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, Total for 9 years, Average annual expenditure, Annual excess paid by present Gov't, Average annual expenditure, Davies.

Whereas under the present Government the expenditure for the same service was in 1880 \$96,213.81, 1881 \$96,489.46, 1882 \$97,411.77, 1883 \$101,193.41, 1884 \$105,185.09, 1885 \$109,316.53, 1886 \$111,992.21, 1887 \$110,484.54, 1888 \$108,918.70. Total for 9 years \$937,205.84. Average annual expenditure \$104,133.98. Davies, 73,181.86. Annual excess paid by present Gov't \$30,952.12. Now this was an expenditure which the Government could not control, and which had to be made. By adding the excess of expenditure for education to the excess of expenditure which would have been incurred by the Davies government, had they remained in power, we have the sum of \$810,254.88. This amount has been saved to the people of this Island by the economical course pursued by the present Government during the nine years, ending on 31st December last. I say, without fear of contradiction, that we have saved to the country that sum of money. Our opponents are proclaiming on all occasions that the Province is in debt. Such is not the case. Had they remained in office, the country would have been \$810,254.88 poorer than it is now. We would have been so much worse off than we are to-day. Our opponents have complained that we have received various sums of money from the Dominion Government which we should not have drawn from that quarter. I may, therefore, fairly assume that had they remained in power, they would not have asked for those amounts, would not have obtained them, and consequently, would have fallen short in their receipts on that account, as well as on other accounts. We received for maintenance of penitentiary prisoners, jails, Alberton hospital, piers, etc., \$100,437.39; as additional subsidy, \$20,000, and for pensions, \$6,124.36. We also recently received the sum of \$200,000 for local improvements, making a total of \$326,561.75. By adding the amount of saving to the country, previously stated, to this sum, we have a total of \$1,136,816.63. It will, therefore, be seen that we are better off to that extent than if the Davies Government had remained in power. Now our opponents tell us that we are in debt. I say, Mr. Speaker, their statement is without the slightest foundation in fact, and that this Province does not to-day owe a single dollar in the world. No Province in Canada occupies the proud position which we are in to-day. No colony in the British Empire occupies the position we do, or is better off. We have not a single dollar of debt. But that is not all. We have many valuable assets, capable of yielding us a large revenue for all time to come. What are these assets? We had to our credit with the Dominion Government at Ottawa, on the 31st December last, the sum of \$1,527,549.40, and we have now a large balance in our favor at the banks. I wonder that our opponents, who are always asking for statements and returns, have not asked for a statement showing the position of the Government at the banks. But there has been a strange remissness in duty on their part, this year, in this respect. They did not make this inquiry because they thought the return would show a balance in our favor. MR. SULLIVAN—The return alluded to by the hon. gentleman has been asked for. HON. MR. SULLIVAN—The application may have been made mentally, but has not been heard or seen, so far as I am aware. I said that we had the large sum of \$1,527,549.40 standing to our credit in the Dominion Treasury on the 31st December, 1888. For the information of the House I will give the figures, viz:—

Table with columns for Balance in favor of Province, Dec. 31st, 1888, Land Purchase Account, To this add for the additional subsidy of \$20,000, Total, Our opponents charge us with being in debt and with reducing our capital. I have clearly shown, Mr. Speaker, that we are not in debt, and that we are far better off than we were ten years ago, when our opponents went out of power. Our assets are much larger than they were nine years ago. At the close of 1878 our account at Ottawa stood as follows:—

Table with columns for Balance in favor of P. E. I. Dec. 31st, 1878, Land Purchase Account, Total, On the 31st December last, our assets were \$620,677.26 in excess of those of the year 1878, when our opponents went out of power, or, in other words, about twice as large. Does this show that we are now in a worse position than at that time? Our opponents say that the Province is in a deplorable position. I maintain that we occupy a prouder position than any of the Lower Provinces of the Dominion, and I shall prove it to you. The balances in favor of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, in the Dominion Treasury at Ottawa, on the 1st July, 1888, were as follows:—

Table with columns for Nova Scotia, balance in her favor 1st July, 1888, New Brunswick, do., P. E. Island (including the \$20,000 increase of subsidy), 31st December, 1888.

It will thus be seen that small as this Island is, it is vastly better off than either Nova Scotia or New Brunswick. I have already shown that the amount to our credit at Ottawa on the 31st December, 1888, was about double of what it was on the 31st December, 1878. We have no debt whatever, while Nova Scotia had a debenture debt on the 31st December, 1888, of \$1,256,500.00, and New Brunswick had a debt on 31st December, 1887, of \$1,403,286.15. We have reason to know that the position of New Brunswick is not as good to-day as it was a few months ago, as she has withdrawn a large part of the money lying to her credit at Ottawa, and has now only about \$400,000 or about one-fourth of the amount to our credit. The way the New Brunswick debt is calculated is as follows:—They deduct from their gross debt the sum to their credit at Ottawa, and strike a balance which they call their net debt. What is our financial position? We have a large amount to our credit, and

no debt at all. Had matters continued as they were under the Davies government, we would to-day have a debt of \$1,136,816.63. The hon. member for Milton, who is absent from his place this evening, told us, the other day, that the country was poor, and that he could get no money for certain papers in his District. He gave us a remarkable instance, stating that he represented a pauper family containing eight children, two of whom were twins. Now, had our opponents remained in power, they would have had no money to give these poor people, who would have owed the Government \$100 for taxes. (Laughter and cheers.) [CONCLUDED TO-MORROW.]

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

TUESDAY, April 2.

Bills relating to St. James' Church, Charlottetown, and to amend the present method of reckoning time were read a third time and passed. Mr. Gordon asked the leader of the Government if any instructions had been issued directing that marriage licenses shall be returned to the office of the Surrogate to be endorsed in a manner different from the provisions of the statute; also, if any orders had been issued to the Deputy Prothonotary by the Government or any officer of the Government in this Province, changing the regulations heretofore in force relating to the issue of marriage licenses? HON. MR. SULLIVAN said: In answer to the question asked by the hon. member for Georgetown, I have to say that no instruction of any kind whatsoever has been given by the Government. The matter has never been before the Government. I never heard anything of it myself. No instructions whatsoever have been given by the Government. The bill referring to Justices of the Peace was read a second time and referred to a committee of the whole House and reported agreed to. It provides that Justices of the Peace for the Province, appointed and sworn in previous to 1877, need not be re-sworn. Mr. Bell submitted a Bill entitled, "An Act to amend an Act entitled an Act to Incorporate the Prince Edward Island Agricultural Fire Insurance Company." The bill was received and read a first time. The Bill respecting judges of the criminal courts was read a second time, submitted to a committee of the whole House and reported agreed to. A message from His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, received by all the members standing, transmitted the correspondence between the Secretary of State and His Honor with respect to the drawing of certain moneys from the Federal Treasury for local improvements. House adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, April 3.

The bill to incorporate the P. E. Island Mutual Fire Insurance Company was read a second time, referred to committee and reported agreed to. Bills respecting the County Courts and Justices of the Peace were read a third time and passed. Mr. Sinclair resumed the debate on the budget. He contended that \$43,000 could not be obtained from the land office in the current year, and criticised the actions of the Government as to the withdrawal of capital and the claims of the Province for refunds. We should have obtained \$137,000 on account of wharves, \$600,000 on account of railways, subsidies, etc., and on account of pensions a much larger sum than was obtained. In fact the Government should have obtained about \$200,000 more than they did. He maintained that the Government would not get \$200,000 from Ottawa this year, unless they draw another from capital again, and that the Province would be \$50,000 behind at the end of the year, and contended that expenditure should be further cut down. The Government must change their policy or the country will suffer. Mr. Blake moved the adjournment of the debate. "Kent," "Howard" and "Matchless" Flour selling cheap for cash at Beer & Goff's. apr 3

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THE GRAND DIVISION, S. of T. of P. E. Island, will meet in Quarterly Session at North Westville, on FRIDAY, 19th inst., commencing at the hour of 10.15 a. m. The usual railway facilities have been secured, and return tickets at one first-class fare will be issued from Charlottetown, Alberton and intermediate stations to North Westville on the 18th and 19th good to return up to and on the 23rd inst. A Public Temperance Meeting will be held in the evening. JESSE S. BURNS, G. S. Lower Free-town, April 3, 1889—dy 11 wky 11

NOTICE.

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I AM INSTRUCTED BY BRENTON F. LONGWORTH, ESQ., to sell by Auction, on the Premises, on THURSDAY, 16th May, at 11 o'clock, a. m. The "ESKER PROPERTY," situated between East Fitzroy and Euston Streets. This property has been divided into 15 Building Lots, some of which are very desirable. The close proximity of this property to the new Driving Park makes it still more valuable. Terms at sale. The plan of these lots may be seen at the office of GEO. M. HARRIS, Auctioneer. mch26-11 sle

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TENDERS.

TENDERS will be received until 12 o'clock, noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th of April, from persons willing to contract for the Construction of a Terrace of Three Dwelling Houses on the Connolly Estate, Water Street, Charlottetown, according to plan and specification to be seen at the Estate Office. The contractor will be required to supply all materials, and to have the whole completed by the 28th of October next. Trustees do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. A. A. MACDONALD, W. W. SULLIVAN, FRED. PETERS, Trustees of Connolly Estate. mch30-dy 11 10th her

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Benefit to Mr. L. J. Williams, IN THE LYCEUM. A COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT has been tendered to the popular Vocalist, MR. L. J. WILLIAMS, to take place in THE LYCEUM, on Monday Evening, April 22. The best Ballads in the English language will be sung by a number of our first singers. MR. WILLIAMS himself will sing, by request, "THE DEATH OF NELSON." Admission, 25 and 35 cents. Doors open at 7.30 o'clock. pat-mch20

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