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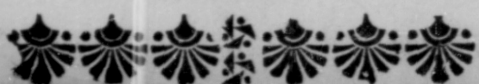
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THE DAILY EXAMINER

DECEMBER 6, 1898.

A FEW FIGURES.

The fact that Mr. Bell and his friends have brought the Minister of Finance into the field indicates a very real fear that the Liberal candidate may not lead the poll in East Prince. Mr. Bell's friends affect great contempt for "the boy." But their tinkling champion, evidently—in their opinion—needs the assistance of a strong voice. The Finance Minister does not come over here at this season of the year to stomp East Prince for the fun of the thing. Mr. Fielding will, without doubt, be met by the question, how is it that after spending twenty years in denouncing "Tory extravagance," the Liberals are spending more money than the Tories, and public taxation and debt are all increasing in this "growing time?" In the last ten years of their regime, the Liberal Conservative Government expended out of the Consolidated fund,—

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| 1887..... | \$35,657,680 |
| 1888..... | 36,718,495 |
| 1889..... | 36,917,835 |
| 1890..... | 35,994,031 |
| 1891..... | 36,343,568 |
| 1892..... | 36,765,894 |
| 1893..... | 36,814,053 |
| 1894..... | 37,585,020 |
| 1895..... | 38,132,005 |
| 1896..... | 36,949,142 |

Total in ten years.....\$367,877,723 or an average expenditure throughout the ten years of \$36,787,772 per year.

Now turn to the Liberal expenditures. The Liberal expended in the years ending

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| 1897..... | \$38,349,760 |
| 1898..... | 38,699,823 |
| 1899 (estimated)..... | 40,987,812 |

Total in three years.....\$118,037,395 or a yearly average of \$39,345,798—an increase of nearly two and a half millions upon Consolidated Fund alone.

Then take the Capital expenditures. During the last Parliament controlled by the Conservatives, these were as follows:—

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| 1892..... | \$2,164,456 |
| 1893..... | 3,088,317 |
| 1894..... | 3,862,969 |
| 1895..... | 3,030,490 |
| 1896..... | 3,781,311 |

Under the Liberal regime the capital expenditures are as follows:

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| 1897..... | \$3,523,160 |
| 1898..... | 5,542,838 |
| 1899 (estimated)..... | 6,983,135 |

Mr. Fielding may well be asked to explain the great increases shown in view of distinct and repeated pledges, of which the following is a sample:

SIR LOUIS DAVIES—"We are ready to go to the country with that statement, IN WHICH WE PLEDGE OURSELVES, that very LARGE AND IMPORTANT REDUCTIONS can be made in the expenditure of the country without interfering with the efficient administration of affairs."

SIR RICHARD CATSWRIGHT—"I say it is a disgrace and shame to the Government that has been entrusted with our affairs that they come down to ask for an expenditure of \$33,000,000 a year for Federal purposes."

Yet the Finance Minister comes to East Prince to attempt to make the electors believe that a Federal Expenditure of all but \$48,000,000 a year is all right and economical! We feel sure that the electors will not be deceived by cock and bull stories about the Klondike and the extension of the Intercolonial railway.

The Liberals pledged themselves also to reduce taxation. This they might very well do in view of increased imports on which duty was paid in the past two years. The taxes paid by Canadians amounted to

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| 1894..... | Con..... | \$25,446,192 |
| 1895..... | "..... | 27,759,285 |
| 1896-7..... | Lib..... | 28,649,004 |
| 1897..... | "..... | 29,602,799 |

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That is to say the Liberals, last year, took from the people, in taxes, \$4,156,607 more than the Conservatives took in 1895.

Lastly, as to the public debt. Notwithstanding the bounding revenues enjoyed by the Liberals, they have, also, broken their pledge not to add to the public debt of the country. In 1897, the addition to the net debt was \$3,041,163, and in 1898 \$2,794,580 or in two years close upon \$6,000,000. More than this, in the month of July last—the first month of the current financial year—there was added to the public debt \$4,069,414.49. The Finance Minister may attempt to explain away these damning figures—copied from the Canada Gazette. The N. P. tariff still in force, and heavy imports by our merchants have given him a large revenue this year, and there are large balances at the banks just now which go to reduce the net debt at this moment. But the amounts we have named have gone to swell the debt; and at the end of the year, when all the expenditures have been accounted for, it will be found that they will stand as a permanent addition to the burden of the tax payers of the country.

Thus with added expenditures, added taxation and added debt instead of reduced expenditures, reduced taxation and reduced debt, as promised by Sir Louis Davies and other gentlemen now in the Government, Mr. Fielding appears to ask the electors of East Prince to justify the conduct of the Liberal administration by electing Mr. Bell. Will they do it?

THE PLEBISCITE PLEA.

The Temperance electors of East Prince are being asked to vote for the Liberal candidate on account of prohibition and the plebiscite. Now, this is a principal reason why they should vote against him. Everyone knows, now, that the plebiscite was a humbug, pure and simple—all but the cost, which was about a quarter of a million of dollars of the public money. This is at once so true and so damaging to the Government that Liberal papers in the other provinces are striving to relieve the Government of responsibility for it. Thus the Free Press of Ottawa says: "The plebiscite was not the work of the Government. It, however, carried out the pledges made to the people by the Reform convention, which was alone responsible for the scheme."

Commenting upon this declaration the Montreal Gazette remarks that "it is easy, to understand a Liberal newspaper's desire to repudiate the plebiscite. It was the grossest humbug ever perpetrated on an oft-humbugged people. It was an unshameful attempt by the Government to shirk its responsibility of dealing with a public issue, an attempt without precedent in British constitutional history. It was a coward's dodge. It was and was meant to be a fraud. The efforts of Laurier's ministers and the organization of the Laurier party were used to prevent the free expression of the popular will. The majority for prohibition actually cast will be disregarded, as it was intended to disregard it from the first. The plebiscite was more than an outrage on those who think prohibition practicable; it was an outrage on the common sense of the people, a quarter of a million of whose money was wasted in making it. But dislike it as they may, there is no way in which the Government and its friends can get rid of its responsibility in the matter. The record is on public view. The remarks of the Gazette are absolutely true. The Government and the Government only, are responsible for the plebiscite—and the plebiscite was a "fraud." If Mr. Bell did not care more for his party than he does for temperance, he would have denounced the deception perpetrated by the Government in the name of prohibition. As temperance men and as tax payers, the electors of East Prince ought to condemn the Government's conduct in respect to the plebiscite. The way to do so is to vote against Mr. Bell.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Are our farmers growing rich as a result of Liberal rule? Look out for our farmers' reply on election day.

—Blair's way of taking the intercolonial "out of politics" is to make it a mere accessory to his political and business enterprises.

—According to the official returns, the imports of iron from Great Britain in 1896 amounted to \$1,158,699 and in 1895 to \$652,125. The preferential tariff is evidently not doing Great Britain any good in respect to iron.

—Of seven constituencies, including Simcoe and Bagot-vacant by the death of the members, five are vacant by the members being appointed to office. Mr Cameron, M. P., for West, Huron, was appointed governor of the North West; Mr Lister, M. P., for West Lambton, was made a judge; Dr Quay, M. P., for Lewis was given a position as quarantine officer; Mr Chiquette, M. P., for Montmagny was appointed to a judgeship, and Mr Yeo, M. P., for East Prince, was moved into the Senate.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES

St John Sun: The government organs are still pointing out that no one is making formal charges against the government officials on the Yukon. That hardly seems necessary, since Mr Sifton is turning them out apparently for sufficient reason.

Moncton Times: It is said that one of the arguments brought to bear upon Mr. Blair for giving the Moncton organ of criticism a larger share of the railway printing is that Editor Hawke is the only possible Liberal candidate for the next election in Westmorland, and that he will religiously put by a share of the profits on printing jobs to be used in elevating the standard of political morality in this country.

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Merchants Bank of P. E. Island

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Proxies must be left with the Cashier at least one day previous to the meeting.

J. M. DAVISON, Cashier

Dividend Notice

Merchants Bank of P. E. Island

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 1st, 1898

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