

**THE DAILY EXAMINER.**

JANUARY 6, 1898.

**HEAVIER EXPENDITURES.  
HEAVIER TAXATION.  
HEAVIER DEBT.**

These are the results of Liberal Government at Ottawa as well as in the Provinces. The Public Accounts, lately to hand, enable the following comparison to be made in respect to the controllable expenditures of the Dominion Government:

	1896.	1897.
Administration of Justice.....	\$ 758,270	\$ 774,761
Arts, agriculture, and statistics.....	210,877	224,389
Civil government		
Fisheries.....	1,396,628	1,418,846
Geological survey.....	134,368	146,994
Immigration.....	120,199	127,434
Quarantine.....	95,247	120,161
Indians.....	880,408	908,063
Insurance Superintendence.....	10,038	10,611
Legislation.....	904,687	1,134,772
Lighthouse and coast service.....	466,057	445,742
Mail and steamship subsidies.....	634,916	553,812
Marine hospitals.....	36,683	38,130
Militia.....	1,136,713	1,667,588
Miscellaneous.....	172,363	210,113
Mounted police.....	533,014	526,162
Northwest government.....	230,702	320,535
Ocean and river service.....	181,453	183,257
Penitentiaries.....	385,227	409,598
Pensions.....	86,080	90,881
Superannuations.....	311,231	307,792
Police.....	22,793	23,788
Public works.....	1,299,768	1,463,718
Railways and canals (general).....	126,443	134,405
Steamboat inspection.....	26,321	26,835
Adulteration of food.....	24,312	24,008
Cutting timber.....	17,237	16,613
Customs.....	896,332	945,245
Dominion Lands.....	119,998	111,415
Excise.....	470,869	464,426
Inspection of staples.....	2,576	2,921
Minor revenues.....	1,833	859
Post office.....	3,665,011	3,789,478
Public works (for revenue).....	159,460	147,567
Railways and canals.....	3,826,225	3,725,689
Trade and commerce.....	9,462	14,604
Weights and measures.....	97,995	94,080
Electric Light Inspection.....	6,693	8,998

The total expenditures of the year ending Jan. 31, 1896, amounted to \$36,949,142, while those of 1897 amounted to \$38,349,759—an increase of \$1,400,617.

This increased expenditure, of course necessitates increased taxation. In point of fact the increased taxation paid by the people of Canada last year amounted to about \$1,000,000.

As to the liabilities of the country, it appears that at the end of the year 1896 they amounted to \$325,717,536.73; and at the end of the year 1897 to \$332,530,131.33—an increase, in but one year, of \$6,812,594.60.

The assets of the government were set down in 1896, at \$67,220,103.96 and in 1897 at \$70,991,534.87—an increase of \$3,771,430.91; so that, taking the added assets at their face value, the finances of the country "went to the bad" in one year of Liberal management, to the amount of \$3,041,163.69.

Such are the financial results of the first year's efforts of a party elected by the people to lighten expenditures, lighten taxation, and lighten the public debt! Make a note of them.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

—The shareholders, president and directors of the Merchants Bank of P. E. Island are to be congratulated on the handsome profit of last year.

—In round numbers \$145,000 were added, last year, to the interest on the public debt of Canada. When Mr. Fielding's new loan of \$10,000,000 is taken into the account, what will the interest be?

—The following lines, sung by the Duchess of Marlborough, fit the feeling of a good many ladies and others as a result of the holidays and preparations therefor:

"I am so tired,  
Terribly, awfully tired,  
I think I shall die,  
I don't know why,  
Except I'm tired."

—Montreal Witness: There is still a remnant among us of the ancient custom of New Year's visiting. A man still steps in to see his aunts and wish them a happy New Year, but beyond that, in so far as what is called Society is concerned, there is nothing. The habit which made the streets and drawing-rooms so merry forty years ago is dead.

—New York Tribune: A short time ago it was the whole of Greenland that this country was about to purchase from Denmark. Now it is only a narrow strip in the northwestern part of that northern Sahara. Tomorrow it may be nothing but a single iceberg which we want to tow down here to use in cooling superheated imaginations.

**MERCHANTS BANK OF P. E. ISLAND.**


General Statement—December, 31, 1897.

LIABILITIES.	
Notes in circulation,	\$114,356.00
Deposits bearing interest.....	\$ 60,968.40
Deposits not bearing interest.....	142,371.81
Balances due other Canadian Banks	2,440.91
	\$320,137.1
Capital paid up.....	\$200,020.00
Reserve.....	55,000.00
Dividend No. 39, at rate of 8 per cent per annum, payable Jan. 3, 1898	8,000.80
Reserved for interest and rebate on current discounts	3,675.00
Profit and loss account balance.....	1,615.85
	\$267,711.65
	\$587,848.77
ASSETS.	
Specie.....	\$ 7,336.54
Dominion Notes.....	9,172.00
Notes of and cheques on other Banks in Canada.....	15,355.04
Balances due from other banks in Canada.....	29,320.04
Balances due from other banks in foreign countries.....	18,807.68
Balances due from other banks in United Kingdom.....	13,400.34
Deposits with Dominion Government for security of Note Circulation.....	4,787.52
Debentures.....	200.00
	\$98,279.16
Loans and bills discounted.....	476,518.06
Overdue debts (nil)	
Mortgages on real estate.....	1,133.99
Real estate.....	305.00
Bank premises and furniture account.....	11,612.56
	\$587,848.77
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.	
To Dividend No. 38, July at rate of 8 per cent per annum.....	\$ 8,000.80
To Dividend No. 39, at rate of 8 per cent per annum, payable 3rd January, 1898,	8,000.80
To Transferred to Rest Account.....	5,000.00
To Balance carried to new account.....	1,015.85
	\$ 22,017.45
By Balance 31st December, 1896.....	\$ 253.79
By net profits for year.....	21,763.66
	\$ 22,017.45

J. M. DAVISON,  
Cashier.

Halifax Herald: Considering the long continued Grit animaldevotions against any increase in the public debt, it can hardly be improper to remark that the public accounts, just issued, show that the Grit Government in their first year of office added about \$7,000,000 to the public debt, bringing the total public debt up to \$332,530,131.

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**A. B. PALMER AT DAWSON.**

Shortage of Grub the Cause of a Panic.

(From the Everett News, Washington)

Percy Palmer received this week the following letter from his brother, A. B. dated at Dawson October 4:

This is the first opportunity I have had to send out a letter to inform you of my safe arrival. I arrived the 27th of September, after a rough and tedious trip. Was fortunate in bringing my entire outfit, as a panic prevails here on account of the scarcity of provisions. It indeed looks serious, as the river is about frozen up and only two boats came up here, with very little grub. They claimed that the people at Circle City took most of the grub off the boats by force.

What the outcome would be is hard to conjecture at the present time. The company claims that they can freight grub up from Fort Yukon, a distance of 470 miles, on the ice with dog teams this winter, but I do not see where they can get enough dogs. Flour readily sells at \$100 per sack. I brought nine sacks with me.

Lon Griffin's outfit has arrived; Sandy Morrison and wife, also Boyce boys, of Snobomish, Ed Mallett, Hodgins, Fritz, Gitchell and Billy Emerson. Am afraid the Hagan and McRae outfit will get caught at the lakes, that is to judge from the opinion of late arrivals; they could not possibly get away from Lake Bennett before the 25th of September, which would run them into ice on the Yukon, but they may get close enough to come in on sleighs this winter.

While I write a big raft of dressed beef came down the river in the drift ice. To save it from passing down, the people secured a long rope and got a line out to pull it in; it sells at \$1.50 a pound readily. A big steer will retail out at from 1,200 to 1,500 dollars. What do you think of that? Fortunes will be made in bringing in cattle this fall. The suffering and anxiety on account of the scarcity of grub is intense. People who have thoughtlessly come in without provisions will have to go out on the ice to Fort Yukon and winter there. The McGraw outfit are wintering at the mouth of the river; some have gone back to Seattle. Mrs. Barnes had to go back; her husband is going out for the winter. He is in a fair way to make some money, at least he owns a half interest in a fair claim.

I have not had time yet to get thoroughly acquainted with the country here. Have met quite a number from Snobomish county, McMahon, Halstad, Gifford, Small, Lee, Rogers, McGee and Baker—the latter have not made a strike as reported; they could have made a strike on a claim but sold at a small figure. Rogers shot two moose and a bear the other day; they are short of the necessities, cannot tell yet what they will do. Halstad has a good claim. The rest are working for wages.

The output of gold so far has been exaggerated. There are some very rich claims and a great many poor ones. The output this spring will be at least \$10,000,000; have gained that information from miners. Those that brought grub with them are fortunate, as they could not have reached Dawson City in a better time. Many that have contracts to work claims on the Klondike on a 50 per cent basis are forced to give their contracts up. I expect to get located soon on a paying claim. Peter McDonald is making money by the barrel. Drinks are fifty cents. One hundred dollars here is just about what one dollar is outside. Everyone has a sack of dust. No new strikes of any importance have been made. A few small creeks have produced paying dirt, but no bed rock can be reached yet. From what I can learn Stewart river is a good proposition to prospect, but it is far away and will be overlooked until grub is more plentiful. Very little, if any, quartz has been found. The rocks are covered with moss, which makes it difficult to trace any leads and from the condition of the gold in the course of the creek one would suppose that the hills are rich in quartz.

(It ought to be noted that the writer of this letter is a son of Donald W. Palmer, Esq., of Victoria, Canada.—Ed. Ex.

One of our seven first prizes taken at the Provincial Exhibition was for the Sovereign Flavoring Extracts. They won on their merits.

**List of Ratepayers for the City of Charlottetown**

In default for Assessment due on Real Property, for the year ending 31st December, 1897, containing names of all such defaulters, and the amount due from them respectively, with a statement of the Number of the town Lot, Water Lot and Common Lot upon which or any part thereof such assessment is in default.

Name of Ratepayer in Default.	Statement or Description of Property upon which Assessment is made,	Amount of Assessment due & unpaid
McArthur, Sarah	House & Land on Common Lot No. 22,	\$ 4.50
Birch, John,	House & Land on Town Lot No 72, 3rd hun,	3.37
Coyle, Stephen,	House & Land on Town Lot No 3, 2nd hun,	5.75
Carmichael, Est. of Jas	House & Land on Town Lot No 73, 3rd hun,	10.12
Cameron, Edmund.	Vacant Land on Town Lot No 72 & 73, 2nd hun,	6.75
Dockendorf, Chas. & Jas	Vacant Land on Town Lot No 10, 4th hun,	1.12
Griffith, John A.	House & Land on Town Lot No 64, 1st hun,	7.87
"	House & Land on Town Lot No 88, 1st hun,	10.13
Gardiner, Frederick,	House & Land on Common Lot No 32,	4.50
Hollman, John,	House & Land on Town Lot No 91, 3rd hun,	19.69
"	House & Land on Common Lot No 21,	10.12
Hughes, Peter,	House & Land on Common Lot No 22,	6.75
Hughes, Bridget,	House & Land on Common Lot No 23,	4.50
Lowe, Walter,	House & Land on Town Lots No 5 & 6, 4th hun,	1.37
"	House & Land on Town Lot 49, 4th hun,	6.88
"	House & Land on Town Lot 98, 4th hun,	5.06
McNeill, Duncan,	Vacant Land on Common Lot No 31	2.06
"	House and Land on Common Lot No 22,	8.44
"	Vacant Land on Common Lot No 22,	1.97
Purdie, Jane, Estate of, W. A. O. Morrison and Leslie S. McNut, Trustees,	House & Land on Town Lots No 97 and 98, 1st hun	33.75
McQuaid, Dennis,	Vacant Land on Town Lot 100, 1st hun,	
Reid, Richard B.	House & Land on Town Lot No 95, 2nd hun,	7.56
Redmond, Daniel,	House & Land on Common Lot No 22,	3.19
Steel, Robert,	House & Land on Town Lot No 20, 3rd hun,	8.44
Trainer, Patrick,	House & Land on Town Lot No 83, 2nd hun,	6.75
Turnbull, Estate Andrew	House & Land on Town Lot 55, 4th hun,	3.37
Thorne, Charles E.	Small house & Land \$300, Vacant Land Corner Lot, \$300, on Common Lot 23,	6.75
Thorne, Charles E.	House and Land on Common Lot 23,	1.12
Thorne, R. & Geo. S.	Large House & Land on Common Lot No 23,	16.87
Williams, John,	House & Land on Common Lot No 24,	7.23
"	Vacant Land on Common Lot No 27,	4.00
Ward, Estate Robert	House and Land on Common Lot No 25,	5.62

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of the Statute 51 Victoria Cap. 12, Section 91, after 30 days publication of the above list, being a list of the Ratepayers of the City of Charlottetown who have failed to pay within the time prescribed the Assessment severally levied upon their Real Property in said city, I will make an application to His Honor, the Stipendiary Magistrate of said City, for Judgment against each and all of the lands above described, for the respective amounts so levied against them, and then unpaid, and that upon such judgment being duly entered, I will further apply for a warrant for the sale of such lands.

Dated this 28th day of December, A. D. 1897.

ROBERT VANIDERSTINE, City Collector.

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