

THE RESULT.

A Statement of the Dominion's Finances for Last Year.

The Canadian revenue statements for June, and for the twelve months of the fiscal year, which appear in the last Canada Gazette show that despite the large receipts in advance on both Customs and excise in anticipation of tariff changes, Mr. Fielding will have hard work to make both ends meet, and the probability is that when the amounts for the year are closed and a final statement of the year's transactions made it will be found that there is a balance on the wrong side of the ledger. For the month of June the receipts were \$2,314,465, as compared with \$2,707,704 for June of last year, and the falling off would have been much greater had it not been for the sale of jubilee stamps, which raised the Post Office receipts from \$157,875 last June to \$370,891 for the month just closed. The decreases for the month were: Customs, \$135,650; Excise, \$469,115; and Public Works, including railways, \$35,718. Miscellaneous showed an increase of \$25,367. The expenditure for June was \$1,897,572, against \$1,960,410 last June. For the twelve months of the fiscal year the receipts and expenditure have been as follows:

	1895-96.	1896-97.
Customs.....	\$19,681,139	\$19,318,363
Excise.....	7,865,081	9,148,915
Post office.....	2,935,188	3,226,482
Railways.....	3,586,079	3,511,268
Miscellaneous...	1,592,296	1,667,142
	\$39,659,775	\$36,872,170
Expenditure.....	30,557,274	31,237,458
	\$ 5,102,501	\$ 5,634,712

It will thus be seen that while the revenue was \$1,212,395 greater than in the previous twelve months, owing to the sale of jubilee postage stamps and the forestalling of revenue for excise, the expenditure has also advanced very much, and was \$532,211 more than for the same period last year.

The statement of the national debt on 30th June shows an increase over 30th June last year of \$11,604,457 in the gross debt, and of \$4,156,219 in the net debt. This increase is accounted for as follows: Temporary loan in England, \$4,806,006; debt payable in Canada, \$2,162,447; Dominion notes, 2,614,445; savings banks, \$2,075,003. The other items do not show any material change. The figures for the two periods are as follows:—

	1896.	1897.
Gross debt.....	\$318,429,251	\$330,034,718
Assets.....	68,003,951	75,452,188
	\$250,425,310	\$254,581,530

The expenditure on capital account for the two periods has been:

	1895-96	1896-97
Public works rail-ways and canals..	\$2,385,224	\$2,032,465
Dominion lands.....	71,494	77,203
Railway subsidies..	812,440	381,955
Militia.....	486,686	691,724
	\$3,755,766	\$3,186,352

PARIS, July 12.—Paris Charmetant, director general of the French mission in the Levant, has received by way of the Caucasus and the Tifs a report prepared by a number of Armenian notables and bishops on the situation in Armenia. It took the messenger who had the documents in charge nearly three months to get through the difficulties and dangers along the Turkish frontier, which was carefully guarded against all Armenians or Armenian sympathizers. The report, which fills thirty printed pages, is very carefully prepared, and goes fully into details. According to its authors, the Turks in Armenia, fearing European intervention, have abandoned the old practice of wholesale massacres, but during the last year there have been clandestine exterminations and most horrible persecutions, especially in the more remote provinces.

ROME, July 12.—Captain Cei, of the Bersaglieri, has invented a rifle from which 80 shots a minute may be fired without removing the weapon from the shoulder. Tests of the new arm are being made by the government.

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AVERTIBLE POEM OF POEMS

How a California Woman Spent Nearly a Year with the Bards.

Mrs. H. A. Deming of San Francisco is said to have occupied a year in hunting up and fitting together the following 38 lines from 38 English poets. The names of the authors are given below:—

- 1—Why all this toil for triumphs of an hour?
- 2—Life's a short summer, man a Cower.
- 3—By turns we catch the vital breath and die.
- 4—The cradle and the tomb, alas, so nigh!
- 5—To be is better far than not to be.
- 6—Though all man's age may seem a tragedy,
- 7—But light cares speak when mighty cares are dumb—
- 8—The bottom is but shallow whence they come.
- 9—Your fate is but the common fate of all;
- 10—Unmingled joys here to no man befall.
- 11—Nature to each allots his proper sphere,
- 12—Fortune makes folly her peculiar care.
- 13—Custom does often reason overrule.
- 14—And throw a cruel sunshine on a fool.
- 15—Live well, how long or short permit of heaven.
- 16—They who forgive most shall be most for given.
- 17—Sin may be clasped so close we cannot see its face—
- 18—Vile intercourse where virtue has no place.
- 19—Then keep each passion down, however dear.
- 20—Thou pendulum betwixt a smile and tear.
- 21—Her sensual snares let faithless pleasures lay
- 22—With craft and skill to ruin and betray.
- 23—Soar not too high to fall, but stoop to rise,
- 24—We masters grow of all that we despise.
- 25—O! then renounce that impious self-esteem—
- 26—Riches have wings, and grandeur is a dream.
- 27—Think not ambition wise because 'tis brave.
- 28—The paths of glory lead but to the grave.
- 29—What is ambition? 'Tis a glorious cheat.
- 30—Only destructive to the brave and great.
- 31—What's all the gaudy glitter of a crown?
- 32—The way to bliss lies not on beds of down.
- 33—How long we live not years, but actions, tell;
- 34—That man lives twice who lives the first life well.
- 35—Make, then, while yet you may, your God your friend.
- 36—Whom Christians worship, yet not comprehend.
- 37—The trust that's given guard, and to your self be just.
- 38—For live we how we can, yet die we must.

1. Young; 2. Dr. Johnson; 3. Pope; 4. Prior; 5. Sewall; 6. Spenser; 7. Daniel; 8. Sir Walter Raleigh; 9. Longfellow; 10. Southwell; 11. Congreve; 12. Churchill; 13. Rochester; 14. Armstrong; 15. Milton; 16. Baily; 17. Trench; 18. Somerville; 19. Thompson; 20. Byron; 21. Smollett; 22. Crabbe; 23. Massinger; 24. Crowley; 25. Keattie; 26. Cowper; 27. Sir Walter Davenny; 28. Gray; 29. Willis; 30. Addison; 31. Dryden; 32. Francis Quarles; 33. Watkins; 34. Herrick; 35. William Mason; 36. Hill; 37. Dana; 38. Shakespeare.

—Exchange.

The Canals of Mars.

As the result of long continued and very successful observations in Arizona and Mexico Mr. Percival Lowell concludes, as quoted in the New York Herald, that the canals of the planet Mars show such "a marvelous system as cannot well be due to any natural forces, and finds its best explanation in the presence of local intelligence on the planet, which has purposely created a system of irrigation for the perpetuation of its own existence." Mr. Lowell thinks there is little or no water in lakes or seas on Mars, and that the planet's water supply comes from the snow and ice at its poles, which melt rapidly in summer. The canals he believes to have been constructed to care for and to distribute this annual flood from the fast melting ice caps of the polar regions.

Such astronomy as this that Mr. Lowell has been busy with must be of great use to keep the imagination in a healthy state. It involves a real change of thought to get one's mind off the earth entirely and to busy it with Martian investigation. It will be interesting to learn what the observers who peep through the great Yerkes telescope, for which lenses of unprecedented size have been very recently completed, will have to say about the Martian canals.—Harper's Weekly.

A Canny Scotch Peddler.

A kind of Turkish delight—one penny a section—is dispensed from barrows in Argyll street, Glasgow, and finds large favor in the eyes of the bacchic from the surrounding country. One of the vendors is exhibiting the following legend, hand printed, on his barrow:—

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There is nothing like taking "occasion by the hand."—Westminster Gazette.

Cipriani. Signor Cipriani, whose company of Italian volunteers, raised for service in Greece, was recently disbanded, is one of the most extraordinary characters in contemporary Italian life. In spite of his being in prison, he was elected no fewer than six consecutive times by overwhelming majorities to represent his native city of Ravenna in the chamber of deputies, whereupon the king, on the recommendation of his then prime minister, Signor Crispi, issued a pardon to the man in the hope of conciliating the people of the northeastern provinces, always notorious for their disaffection to the throne and for their revolutionary tendencies.

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The Senators Mallory.

After Stephen R. Mallory, the new senator from Florida, gets settled in his dignified position he will doubtless find time to inspect the original record on the senate journal of a fact which is not without personal interest for him. That record was made on March 14, 1861, and declares:

Whereas, The seats of Albert G. Brown and Jefferson Davis of Mississippi, Stephen R. Mallory of Florida, Clement C. Clay, Jr., of Alabama, Robert Toombs of Georgia and Judah P. Benjamin of Louisiana as members of the senate have become vacant; therefore,

Resolved, That the secretary be directed to omit their names respectively from the roll.

The Mallory of 1861 was the father of the Mallory of 1897, and a lot of history has been made since the name disappeared from the senate roll. Its reappearance now after only 36 years was not needed to mark the closing of a chapter in that history, for the conclusion has been emphasized by many and greater signs, but none the less there is meaning in this quiet taking up by a son of tasks which a father laid down amid such scenes of excitement and national danger.—New York Times.

The Spirit of War.

During the last few weeks a German factory that makes toy lead soldiers has received so many large orders for Turkish and Greek soldiers for next Christmas that it advertises in German papers its inability to accept further orders for delivery within this year. The makers of toy uniforms, games, pictures and similar toys are also running overtime manufacturing specialties illustrating the war. Even the textile industries are preparing to reap a golden harvest, and material of every imaginable description in oriental and Greek designs is being manufactured in great quantities. Paris has begun to lead the styles with Greek ideas embodied in military and costume, and all other countries will naturally follow the lead of the French capital.

The Negro Poet Abroad.

Paul Laurence Dunbar, the young negro poet, has not been financially successful as a reader in England, but he is having an agreeable time socially. "The American colored man here," he says, "is a good deal like a boy just out of school. He feels his freedom and shows it ingeniously. When one has not been allowed to stick his nose inside the portal of the Hotel Waldorf, in New York, and is refused entertainment at the best hostilities of his nation's capital, to be welcomed at the Hotel Cecil in London is, perhaps, a little upsetting. After finding oneself excluded from the best restaurants in America or frowned upon in them, to be seated and smiled at by the obsequious manager of Frascati's is something of a change."

A Lucky Shot.

"Old Moore's Almanack," an annual prophetic publication with a wonderful circulation among certain classes of the British population, made an extraordinarily lucky shot in connection with the Paris fire. With reference to the last few days of April it made this prophecy, "We are almost sure to hear news of an awful fire in Paris, which will involve great loss of life, while a gang of loafers will be busy among the ruins."—New York Post.

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Charlottetown holds the key of sobriety or drunkenness for this Province. The Scott Act election, to be held July 22nd decides which door will be opened—whether from the fountain head of P. E. Island will flow a stream of good or one of damning influence, contaminating more or less every boy and girl, every man and woman in this province. The enemy is strongly entrenched in this city. Its wealth and power is concentrated here and will fight as never before for its very existence. It is tenfold harder to drive liquor out of the city than out of the country.

The success or defeat of the Scott Act will not only strongly affect, for weal or woe, the people of P. E. Island for some years to come but will have a pronounced effect upon the coming Plebiscite. The eyes of this great Dominion are on us, and the result of this election will be strongly felt by the people from the Atlantic to the shores of the Pacific. Mr. S. F. Spence, of Toronto, in writing, says it will be a great calamity to the temperance cause if the Scott Act is defeated in Charlottetown. Now then, in view of these things, we ask for your sympathy and financial aid. May God give us all wisdom and power to fight and maintain His cause.

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