

**THE DAILY EXAMINER**

APRIL 23, 1898.

**THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.**

We can understand now why the Government was so long reticent about the public accounts of last year! The deficit of the year was \$38,201.65. Though neither the addition to the Hospital for the Insane nor the new Prince of Wales College building has been erected, though nothing extraordinary has been done, though some of our public services have been systematically starved, this is the result. A deficit considerably more than double that of last year.

In justice to the Warburton administration we must hasten to say that this result may not be wholly attributable to them, and they may be responsible in so far only as they have accepted responsibility for the acts of their predecessors. It was necessary, in view of an approaching general election, to make as good a showing as possible at the end of 1896. This was done by deliberately keeping out of the public accounts many items of expenditure in that year. These had of course to be accounted for in the past year, and so the deficit of the past year is, without any apparent cause, close upon \$40,000.00; or if the "wildfall" of \$11,843.16 included in the revenue of the year be subtracted the difference between the expenditure and ordinary revenue is upwards of \$50,000.00. The series of deficits under Liberal management has been unbroken, though the Liberals were placed in office upon the distinct understanding that they would, by the practice of greater economy than that of the Conservatives, make ends meet.

What about the expenditures? Every year since the Liberals entered office expenditures have been considerably greater than in any year in which the Conservatives were in office. Last year they amounted to \$310,751.89, as against \$287,631.27 in the previous year, or close upon \$40,000.00 more than the average of the expenditures under the Conservatives!

The receipts of last year, including the refund of \$11,843.16, amounted to \$272,550.24, as follows:

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| Dominion Subsidy.....              | \$182,176.08        |
| Public Lands.....                  | 14,582.99           |
| Com Travellers' Licences.....      | 3,420.00            |
| Incorporated Companies.....        | 4,350.00            |
| Ferries.....                       | 6,207.33            |
| Prothonotary Offices.....          | 2,522.51            |
| Registry Offices.....              | 4,659.85            |
| County Court.....                  | 1,384.23            |
| Provincial Secretary's Office..... | 787.30              |
| Peddlers Licences.....             | 740.00              |
| Hospital for Insane.....           | 327.54              |
| Prince of Wales College Fees.....  | 1,312.50            |
| Fines and Penalties.....           | 11.00               |
| Casual Revenue.....                | 465.86              |
| Private Bills.....                 | 117.00              |
| Succession Duties.....             | 810.00              |
| Provincial Land Tax.....           | 30,904.45           |
| Income Tax.....                    | 5,988.44            |
| Refund.....                        | 11,843.16           |
| <b>Total.....</b>                  | <b>\$272,550.24</b> |

In the previous year the receipts amounted to \$273,495.92, so that there has been a considerable falling off in this respect. With increasing expenditures and decreasing revenues, what must be the result? Eventual ruin, absolute and complete, unless a change be effected in the administration of affairs!

The taxation wrung from the people last year, including the Prince of Wales College fees, amounted to \$46,785.39. Under Conservative Government no taxation was imposed; and if the revenue of last year had been minus this amount, the deficit would have been, not \$50,000 but about \$97,000.00.

As to the debt of the Province at the end of the past year, the Auditor's balance sheet shows:

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| Treasury balance.....              | \$ 69,103.92        |
| Stock Farm balance.....            | 7,892.70            |
| Debitures (less sinking fund)..... | 176,337.56          |
| Borrowed under Loans Act.....      | 174,102.00          |
| <b>Total.....</b>                  | <b>\$427,436.18</b> |

The additional debts and liabilities of the Province, unaccounted for at the end of the year, will of course swell this amount considerably. It is to be noted that the amount paid for interest on this debt was \$15,518.28—an amount almost sufficient to build a new Prince of Wales building. We might build a large permanent bridge every year or macadamize miles of roadway with the money we pay to the money-lenders as interest. Such is Liberal financing! It was an unfortunate day for Prince Edward Island when our Liberals gained office and power.

The powers have made up their minds to instruct the Sultan to immediately withdraw the Turkish troops from Thesaly. The chances are that the Sultan has also made up his mind to disregard the instruction.

The need of a good spring medicine is almost universal, and Hood's Sarsaparilla exactly meets this need. Be sure to get Hood's.

**THE WAR**

It is not credible that the United States Navy has begun the war by the capture of a lumber-laden merchantman. We prefer to regard this report as a joke. The time limit of the ultimatum given the Spaniards did not expire until twelve o'clock today, and it is not likely that a United States cruiser would begin hostilities before that time. Much more likely is the reported capture of the Paris by the Spaniards and the Alfonso XII. by the United States.

**PUBLIC LANDS REPORT.**

The report of the Commissioner of Public Lands, for last year, is sufficiently short:

"During the year 3608 acres of land were sold, for which the sum of \$3127.16 was agreed to be paid for the same.

"The receipts for the year amounted to \$14,879.84.

"Four hundred and twenty Deeds and Counterparts were executed during the year.

"Two hundred and fifty-one Accounts were closed during the year.

"The William H. P. Irving Estate, on Township Number 28, containing 453 acres, has been acquired by the Government, for which the sum of \$1318.51 was paid."

**NOTES AND COMMENTS.**

—If the Spaniards only had Great Britain's tidy surplus, now—wouldn't they feel strengthened for the fight?

—At a meeting of temperance men, held in the Y. M. C. A. building last evening, strong expressions of feeling were given against license of the sale of intoxicating liquors and in favour of prohibition. The following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas immediate prohibition legislation is not at present practicable in the City of Charlottetown, we, representatives of the temperance community, would urge upon the acceptance of the Legislature the amendments to the Liquor Regulation Act suggested by the Temperance Alliance."

—A statement of the butter-making business of the Hampton Dairying Station for the past winter has been issued. The cream from this separating station was manufactured into butter and marketed by Mr. Thomas J. Dillon, of the Central Creamery, Charlottetown. The winter's work shows very satisfactory results indeed—as high as 80c per 100 lbs milk being paid, and the value of butter fat to patrons averaging nearly 22c per lb. The amount of butter manufactured was 6763 lbs, add sold for 19.62c per lb. The patrons of this dairy station have every reason to be proud of the work done, and we trust to see them go ahead with renewed vigor in the season's work now approaching.

**NEWS NOTES.**

Some of the success that attended Gen. Kitchener's last advance up the Nile was due to the fact that Mr. Rhodes loaned him a lot of locomotives, built for the Bechuanaaland railway, of which he had some thirty on hand. Without these engines the Nile transport service would not have been equal to the requirements. By the ways things are shaping themselves, also, there is a possibility that the Rhodes locomotive, if they have a reasonably long life, may reach their Bechuanaaland destination overland.

United States newspapers are beginning to connect the actions of Congress with the fluctuations of stocks on Wall street, as well as fluctuations with the action of Congress. The varying phases of the Cuban question have certainly affected stock values, now to raise and now to effect them. There seems little doubt, also, that members of Congress profited by the changes. That they used their positions to bring about the changes, playing with war possibilities for the sake of personal profit, is, however, a terrible charge that only positive proof would cause the world to believe.

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**LOOKING FOR PRIZES.**

**Spanish Warships Sighted off Hayti**

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, April 22.—The Spanish warship which was sighted yesterday to the southward of Jemerie, about 125 miles west of this place, was hovering about the coast. She was too far distant for her number of guns to be ascertained, but she is probably the same vessel reported from Fortune Island as being off Cape Maisi, the eastern extremity of the province of Santiago de Cuba. It is claimed she was making a tour of the Island for merchantmen.

**LOCAL NOTICES.**

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  - 2. Living Picture— "Isiting Brethren"
  - 3. Baritone Solo..... Selected Mr. J. H. McDonald
  - 4. Reading—"In the Addington Aqueduct"
  - Miss Alice Lillian Butcher**
  - 5. Vocal Quartette—"The Lovers"
  - 6. Character Song..... Kocnat Op. 2i
  - 7. Vocal Solo..... Selected Miss Edna Sinclair.
  - 8. Rainbow Dance with Electrical Effects Miss Nora Waddell.

- PART II.**
- 1. Scene from Opera Robin Hood.....
  - 2. Violin Solo..... Prof. Vinnicombe.
  - 3. Comic Quartette—"Call John"..... The Misses Earle and Messrs Moore and C. Earle.
  - 4. Reading—"A Sisterly Scheme"..... **Miss Alice Lillian Butcher,**
  - 5. String Quartette—"Pastimes on the Levee"..... The Misses Murphy, Macachern and Blake, Miss Carroll Accompanist.
  - 6. Operatic Chorus... Selections from Erminie
  - 7. Living Pictures— F. L. T..... **GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.**

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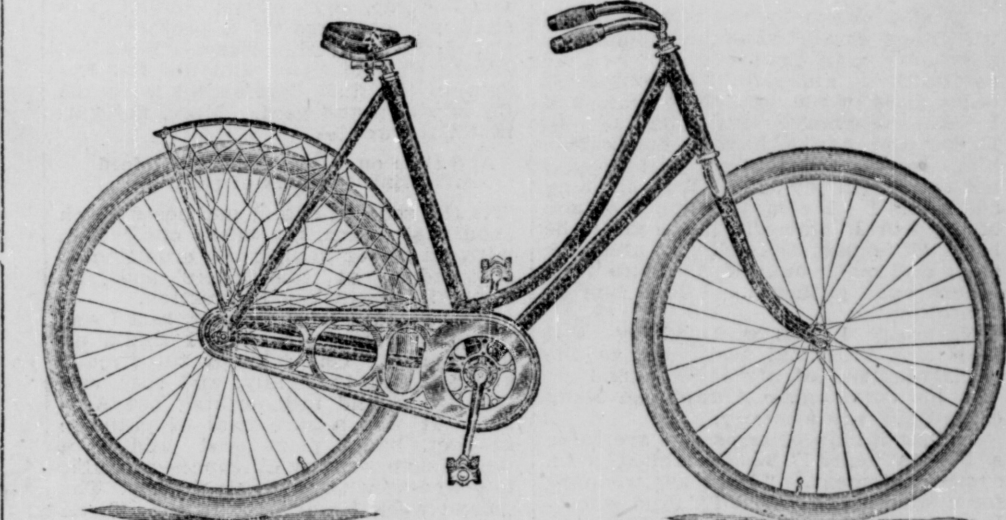
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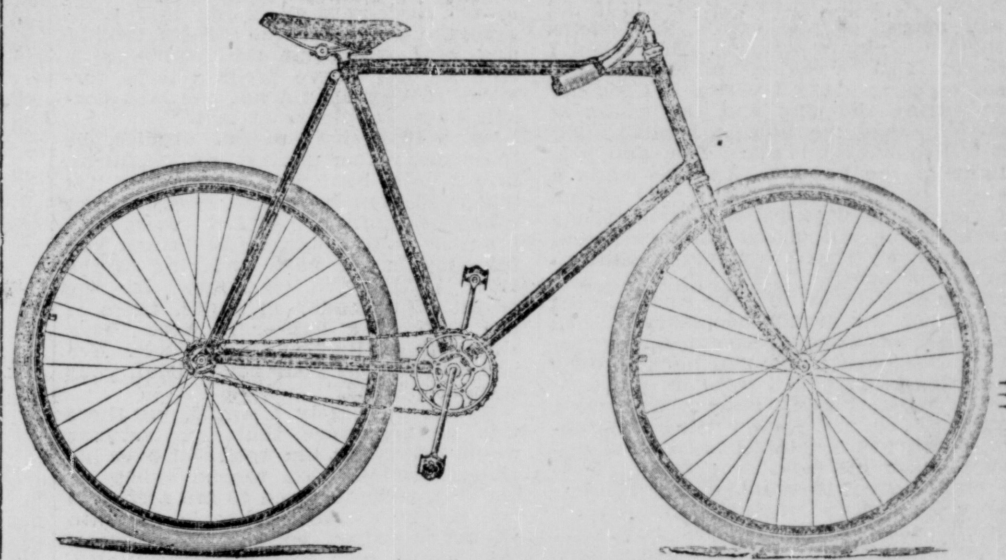
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For the Benefit of the Institution

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