

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

MARCH 28, 1896.

OUR FINANCES.

Down With Deficits: give us leave to borrow \$185,000 with which to square the old Tory account and thoroughly repair the Provincial Building; then we shall practice economy, cut down expenses, live within our means, have our Provincial subsidy in advance, make ends meet, - this was, in brief, as the people well remember, the financial policy announced by the Honorable Frederick Peters shortly after he attained to office and power.

Let us now look into the Public Accounts. According to the Auditors statement, the debt of the Province is now made up as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Debentures Account, Loans, Treasury and Stock Farm, etc.

That is bad enough. But in this statement no account seems to be taken of the half years subsidy which is overdrawn. In this connection, too, we have to notice a somewhat striking discrepancy between the statements of the Banks and the statement of the Auditor. According to Merchants Bank of P. E. Island, there was owing that institution by our Government on the 31st December, \$78,446.00, while the amount owing to the Merchants Bank of Halifax was no known quantity. But according to the Auditor, the amount of the "temporary loans" was only \$7,279.05. It is possible that this discrepancy may be explained away. But assuming that the Merchants Bank statement is correct, and leaving out of the account the balance due the Merchants Bank of Halifax, the debt of the Province was on the 31st December, -

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Debentures, Loans to Provincial Savings Bank, Private loans, etc.

It will be remembered, too, that the Provincial Building has not been repaired according to promise, and that every account of last year, the payment of which could be postponed, was carried over into this year, while receipts for money paid into the Treasury in this year were dated back to December last in order that the sums so paid might go to swell the receipts of last year.

Bearing these facts in mind, and also the discrepancy between the bank return and the auditor's statement, let us now look into the account of the past year. The expenditure of the year was, according to the auditor's report, and less the accounts held over and unpaid, \$319,172.20. This, it will be at once observed, is a larger expenditure than that of the Liberal-Conservatives. We quote from the record, beginning at the year 1880, by which time the debts bequeathed by the Davies Administration as a legacy to future years had been pretty well reduced:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Expenditure. Shows financial data from 1880 to 1895.

As to the receipts of last year, there are set forth as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Dominion Subsidy, Public Lands, Commercial Travellers' Licenses, etc.

It will be observed that after extracting nearly \$30,000 from the people by taxation and carrying over many outstanding accounts, and adding money paid in this year to the receipts of last year, there is a deficit of \$32,462.80.

It is to be noted, too, that if the Liberal-Conservative Government had had as much revenue as the Liberals had last year they would have left a handsome sum to the credit of the Province; for their average yearly receipts in eleven years, including all the refunds obtained from Ottawa, was under \$250,000.

The people of Prince Edward Island have had rude awakening. They were assured that there would be no more deficits; there have been five deficits in succession. - one of \$30,439.29; one of \$37,531.29; one of \$119,942.33; one of \$20,164.21 and one of \$12,562.80 - making a grand total deficit of \$241,053.83. They were assured that the subsidy paid in advance by the Dominion Government would, in future, after the receipt of the money raised by debentures, be available to meet current expenses; the subsidy is six months overdrawn, every dollar received

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27. The House met at 3.45 this afternoon, and after the transaction of the business the address in reply to the speech from the throne was formally presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in the Legislative Library.

Hon. Mr. Peters then presented the public accounts and the public school report. He also announced that any members of the House who wished to satisfy themselves as to the necessity for the proposed new wing to the Hospital for the Insane would be given an opportunity to visit that institution on Monday afternoon if they would hand in their names to the sergeant-at-arms. They could also visit the stock farm on the same afternoon, if they so desired. An opportunity of visiting the poor house would be afforded a little later on in the session.

YOUNG LIBERAL-CONSERVATIVES.

It is pleasing to hear that the Young Men's Liberal-Conservative Association is going about the work of political organization with energy. There is need now for effort on the part of our young men, upon whose shoulders the burden of taxation will ere long be placed. We have no doubt that the meeting of Monday evening will be largely attended by enthusiastic Young Liberal-Conservatives.

THE PARK ROADWAY.

The Mayor and Councillor Nicholson seem to have gone about the Park Roadway business in a business-like way. A few days after their election, they, with Councillor Taylor, interviewed Premier Peters, and then they interviewed Premier Bowen. There seems now to be a good prospect that the matter will be satisfactorily settled by the mutual consent and friendly agreement of all the parties concerned. The Dominion Government, the Provincial Government and the City Government are each interested; and we are fortunate in having a Lieutenant-Governor who will gladly assent to a reasonable settlement under which the shore front will be saved from falling into the harbor and Government Farm not unduly encroached upon.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Patriot said last year: "The Provincial debt should not be allowed to increase one dollar more." What will the Patriot say now? - We notice among the receipts of last year, Prince of Wales College fees, \$1,155. Were not those fees to go to a fund for the erection of a new College building? - The Peters party explained against the extravagance of the McLeod administration in expending \$300,000, but they will maintain that an expenditure of \$310,000 shows careful (grit) economy! - If \$33,000 was the deficit in a year when nothing in particular was done, what will the deficit be after cold storage warehouses, the Asylum for the Insane have been erected? - Can the Patriot, which said last year that the present debt "should not be allowed to increase one dollar more" support the Premier in increasing liabilities amounting, at a moderate estimate to a hundred thousand dollars? - Montreal Gazette: When Mr. Laurier looked at the division lists on the Remedial Bill, and saw the names of Mr. Clarke Wallace and Mr. Dalton McCarthy on the same side as his own, he did not say, "thank God, there are no Orangemen" among us, the Liberals. The time for that crying to justice is gone.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

The Terrible Death of two Painters on a Church Spire.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 25. - A special to the Times from Guthrie, O. T., says: News of a most remarkable occurrence has been received here from Beaver County. At the little post office town of Grand, the Baptist congregation is building a handsome church, surmounted by a spire 75 feet high. J. Ford and Harry Somers, painters, were employed to oil and paint the spire, Saturday while they were giving the finishing touches to the top of the spire a thunder storm came up accompanied by fierce flashes of lightning. After a terrific clap of thunder a blinding flash of lightning struck the spire, knocking away the painters' scaffolding, splitting the spire, and leaving Somers and Ford on the roof dead. The clothing of the two men was ignited by the flash, and for ten minutes the bodies were seen burning and smoking in mid-air. Rain finally extinguished the flames, and three hours later the remains of the painters were brought down, charred and incinerated and almost unrecognizable.

PERSONAL.

Ex-Councillor Hazard has returned from his trip abroad.

Mr. F. C. Cotton, of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, leaves on Tuesday for Truro, Nova Scotia, to which agency he has been transferred.

His many friends will be pleased to know that Minnett J. Fitzgerald, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, is out again after his late severe illness. - Halifax Herald.

The Master of the Holly, who has been in Summerside since Monday last conducting a series of lectures to the law students, returned home this afternoon.

The Rev. J. T. Bryan is fast recovering from his recent attack of quinsy, but will not be able to venture out for Sunday, the 29th. There will, however, be the usual services in St. Paul's to-morrow. Services for Holy Week will be announced later.

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THE LOST TRIBES.

Sir. - The debate on the Lost Tribes was just getting interesting in Philharmonic Hall last evening when it was suddenly brought to a close. If Mr. Ross would appoint an evening for the further discussion of this question, which is daily increasing in interest to students of Bible history, I have no doubt it would be largely appreciated.

Dissolution Notice.

This is to certify that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, carrying on business under the style and firm of H. P. Feehan & Co., at this 27th day of March, A. D. 1896, be dissolved by mutual consent.

Dated this 27th day of March, A. D. 1896. HENRY F. FEEHAN, JOSEPH M. EGAN.

Signed in the presence of James J. Johnston.

Referring to above, the business heretofore conducted by Feehan & Egan will be continued by the undersigned under the style and firm of H. P. Feehan & Co., at Mount Stewart, who will collect all debts and discharge all obligations of the late firm. H. F. FEEHAN.

SENATOR FERGUSON'S ST. PATRICK'S SPEECH.

The Ottawa papers contain very complimentary references to the address delivered in that city on St. Patrick's night by Hon. Senator Ferguson. We have space to-day only for the remarks of the Citizen, which are as follows: - "The oratorical event of the evening by Senator Ferguson, was introduced in a very neat address by Mr. John P. Dunne, president of the Society. The honorable gentleman, at the outset, expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred on him in being asked to address a gathering assembled for the purpose of commemorating the memory of Ireland's patron saint. The honor was all the greater, he said, inasmuch as he was not an Irishman by birth or descent. Their courtesy was not a surprise to him, however, for it was not the first time that he had received kindness from his Irish fellow citizens. He believed he was the only non-Irishman in his own province who had ever been elected an honorary member of the Benevolent Irish Society of Charlottetown. Senator Ferguson spoke of the prominent part taken by Irishmen in the administration of public affairs in his province, and of the pleasing incidents in a trip he took through Ireland some years ago. He recited several stanzas of poetry descriptive of the beauty of the Emerald Isle, and of the greatness of its people, and, in conclusion, urged all people in this country to live harmoniously together."

CIVIC REFORM.

Sir. - In my last issue I argued the necessity for reform in representation in the City Council, and especially as to the voting system. At the last election a very large number of voters could not poll their votes on account of the crush, and the immense number who had to crowd in, in the short space of 450 minutes, the time allotted for taking the poll. Over three hundred voters are unrecorded in ward five alone. A second polling place must be provided, and this change will require legislative sanction to place the election outside the region of legal doubt. By dividing the ward into two wards, with two Councillors for each, it would remedy the grievance, and make a Council of nine the best number for business purposes. It seems ridiculous that one-third the city in population, and one-half the area, should constitute one ward. The payment of all taxes as part of the voter's qualification should be abolished, particularly as against real estate voters. A holder of real estate, owing say \$100 taxes, and whose stake and interest must be, consequently, very large, has no voice in the selection of his representatives, except under the gravest inconvenience, while his property and business interests in the community are placed under the jurisdiction of men elected on two-dollar poll tax receipts, many of them purchased by the candidates, and the very purchaser of which is the strongest evidence of the unfitness of the voter to vote or the candidate to rule. Let manhood suffrage prevail all around, if possible, but if not, by all means remove this unjust exclusion from the holders of real estate. The city should also be given absolute control over every employe and every official, including the fixing and regulating of salaries. The law as at present prescribes that such shall hold no other office and that certain salaries shall be "not less than" certain specified amounts. These useless restrictions practically paralyze the hands of the council in any readjustment of the civic official scale, no matter how advisable or how important an improvement may be demanded.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.

PARLIAMENT OF CANADA.

A Bill Concerning the Civil Service.

OTTAWA, March 28. In the House of Commons the whole of yesterday afternoon's session and the greater part of the evening session was taken up in the discussion of the Civil Exclusion Bill now before the Imperial Parliament.

In the Senate Premier Bowen introduced a bill to amend the Civil Service Act passed last session. He said that the amendment was required in order to move an injustice worked to third class clerks who have been in the service since 1882. In last year's act, as it now stands, third class clerks, packers and sorters, appointed prior to the passage of the act, are no longer members of the service; the appointment of a third clerk to a second class clerkship under the act is not a promotion, but a new appointment, and a qualifying examination must be passed even in case of a clerk who has been in service continuously since 1882, and has passed his promotion examination. Another effect is that third class clerks, over the age of thirty-five years, can never be promoted. It was not the intention of Parliament in framing the act of last session to work any such injustice, and the present act is introduced to remedy the mistake.

Senator Boulton gives notice that he will move that it will result in a benefit to the material and commercial interests of Canada, if the country adopt the offer indicated by Mr. Chamberlain, Colonial Secretary, for an Imperial customs union based on a free trade Zollverein.

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