

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

JANUARY 8, 1898.

CIVIC FINANCES.

It is gratifying to hear that, as a result of the careful management of His Worship Mayor Dawson and the gentlemen associated with him in the City Council, there is a balance on the right side at the close of the financial year.

The revenue for the year amounts to \$75,606.06, and the expenditure to \$75,269.31. This leaves a surplus on the year's transactions of \$336.75.

In the year's transactions are included the \$10,000 in debentures issued for the City School Board and the \$1,000 issued for Waterworks purposes.

The total amount placed to the credit of the water debentures sinking fund is \$20,534.79.

The expenditure upon Victoria Terrace amounts to \$6,662.83, against which debentures were issued amounting to \$6,000. This leaves a balance to be charged in current account of \$662.83.

CATTLE TRANSPORTATION.

ENTERPRISE ought to be encouraged. Whether it be that of farmers, stock-breeders, pork-packers, manufacturers, or general merchants, it ought to be given every advantage that can be given without disadvantage to others or the country at large. This proposition will be admitted by all persons. Yet those who have charge of the public facilities by which enterprise is furthered act, in many instances, upon a directly opposite principle. According to Mr. F. G. Bovyer, whose lengthy and forcible paper we publish today, this is the case with regard to the transportation of cattle. The enterprising farmer and stock-breeder of these Maritime Provinces is, it appears, hampered by unduly high rates of freight and deprived of the advantage of through rates; and the authorities will not, Mr. Bovyer intimates, do anything towards the betterment of the situation. Our great railway magnates seem, indeed, never to have carefully considered the peculiar conditions existing as to this sequestered isle. Here we are, in a small and thickly populated province—cut off from the great continent—a well-to-do enterprising people, able, ready and willing to do business in many directions to the full extent of our powers. But our railway tariff is framed upon the same principle as that of the mainland, in which the population of the country districts is comparatively sparse and in which long hauls and heavy loads of lumber, coal, etc., out of the question here, are necessary and expedient. As for the steamboats—their chief object seems to be, not to facilitate enterprise, but to take as much money as possible out of enterprising passengers and shippers. It would not be wonderful if Mr. Bovyer, and such as he, should be disgusted or disheartened. Mr. Bovyer suggests co-operation on the part of our farmers in an effort to bring our common carriers to their senses. Certainly a great deal might be done towards obtaining better facilities, if the various farmers' associations would act together and bring pressure to bear upon the Government and those in authority under the Government.

PLAIN LIVING AND HIGH THINKING.

"WORK," we are told, "is being rushed in Parliament House in preparation for the session." The Government are making large and ostentatious additions to Mr. Speaker's apartments. Rooms formerly used by the French translators and the Maritime Province members have been converted into "elegant bedrooms." "The entrance hall of the Speaker's rooms has been beautifully decorated in green and gold." A gorgeous bath-room has been supplied. A handsome plate glass door takes the place of the plain wooden door which those horrid extravagant Tories thought good enough. "The drawing room has undergone complete renovation. From a cold, dark room, suggestive of the Tower of London, it has become a warm, light withdrawing room. The mahogany varnish has been scraped from the panelled ceiling, which is now done in white and gold, whilst the paper on the walls is made to match. The windows, hitherto bare, have been curtained, and handsome gilded coils replace the old, black and useless radiators. The little parlor at the head of the stairs has been made a comfortable smoke room in blue and gold. As for the dining room it has been "elegantly done in light brow greys and gold, the walls adorned with several handsome engravings, and twenty-four incandescent lights put in." "A handsome flight of stairs, in cherry wood leads down to the dining room." Our Liberal economists are evidently looking closely after the interest of the taxpayers—they are beginning an era of plain living and high thinking—on behalf of the country—don't you see?

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

—Agricultural Review: There are two crops which cannot be grown in the same parish—sheep and dogs. Sheep are most profitable, but dogs are the favorite with many farmers.

—Montreal Star: The disquieting rumors that are abroad promising us another session of ambitious projects and reckless pledging of the public credit, do not make for the peace of mind of those who are conscious that they pay the Federal taxes.

—Ottawa Journal: There are indications that King Menelik, of Abyssinia, under his Franco-Russian adviser, Leon-tieff, may move to check the British advance up the Nile. It is just thirty years, one generation, since the British conquered and deposed King Theodore of Abyssinia, and history is accustomed to repeating itself.

—Montreal Star: Sir Wilfred may still innocently imagine that he is leader of the Government; Mr. Tarte knows that the Premier is his humblest and most devoted follower, and this knowledge is not confined to Mr. Tarte. The old time Rouges are painfully aware of the bitter fact that the Laurier-Cartwright Cabinet of 1896 has faded away into a Tarte-Blair combination of 1897.

—Montreal Gazette: The present situation in China will enable people in England to comprehend the value of the Canadian route to the far East. By its means, should troops be needed, they could be conveyed from Great Britain to the point of danger in two-thirds of the time that it would take to get either German, French or Russian forces to the same place. And, if the danger was very great, and the need imminent, there is no doubt that a Canadian regiment could be got ready and started on the Pacific before any other country could get its corps to the Suez Canal. The claim that the construction of Canada's Pacific Railway was an imperial defensive work may yet be sustained by actual experience.

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THE EASTERN SITUATION.

London Press Comments on the Long Lease of Kiao-Chou Bay to Germany.

BERLIN, Jan. 6.—According to an interview with a government official, the fact that Kiao-Chou has been taken on lease by German should refute the view that her occupation commences a partition of China or that other powers have any right to object to the legality of Germany's proceedings. The official in question also emphatically denies that the clause giving Germany the right to choose another port was a sort of back door to enable her to withdraw without loss of prestige should Russia claim the territory. The matter, he declared, had been arranged without meddling with relations with Russia, and that clause bore no other meaning than the one on its face.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—A despatch to the Times from Peking, dated yesterday (Wednesday), says that Germany has taken a lease of Kiao-Chou for fifty years. It says also, reports are current there that a French occupation of Hai-Nan island is imminent. The Times says, editorially, this morning: "It would be simple to assume that the Reichsazgers despatch tells the whole story, for it omits to say what China gets in return. To the world at large, however, the material fact is that Germany, by physical force has obtained a naval station. This is the fact that must guide other powers in determining to do their own policy. The talk of a lease is mere civil aving of appearances. There is no doubt that both Germany and China are aware that it is a practical cession in full sovereignty. It provides a further argument in favor of an English guaranteed Chinese loan."

Other editorials generally are in the same strain as that of the Times. They point out that the contract is one in which Germany apparently gets everything and China nothing, while the question of the safety of the missionaries is entirely dropped. Nothing, however, is said about railways or mines. The question has been raised here as to Herr Detring's right to succeed Sir Robert Hart as director of Chinese imperial maritime customs. The Daily Chronicle says: The agreement upon which the last Chinese loan was floated in England contained a clause declaring that the management of the customs should remain as now, which was interpreted to mean should be in the hands of an Englishman. The paper believes that England would not accept Herr Detring as Sir Robert Hart's successor.

The Standard says, editorially: England need not be ruffled because she can only claim exactly the same privileges as Germany. This is the logical and unassailable position the Government has taken up; and it is not astonishing to find that it has made a profound impression in Europe as well as had a satisfactory reception in America. Whatever Mr. Sherman may say, the mercantile community is well aware that England in claiming equal rights for all, is fighting the battle of the American merchants and traders as well as that of her own subjects.

The Daily News says: The great point for Lord Salisbury to consider is the possibility of Germany claiming the right to erect a tariff wall against other powers. Commenting with satisfaction upon the opinions of New York papers sympathizing with British policy, the Daily News says: "Such expressions of opinion may be taken as the bread of our free trade policy cast upon the water and returning to us in international influence after many days."

The Daily Mail, commenting upon the fact that the United States and Japan are openly on our side in the Chinese affair, says: "For once we are getting some recognition for our generous commercial policy."

—The Montreal Gazette points out that the Dominion Government expenditures of last year were the largest on record with one exception—the year of the Reil Rebellion.

—Bradstreet's record of failures in Canada for 1897 makes the following comparison with 1896:—

Number.....	1896.	1897.
Assets.....	2,179	1,907
Liabilities.....	\$ 6,724,535	\$5,191,647
	16,208,460	13,147,929

One of our seven first prizes taken at the Provincial Exhibition was for the Sovereign Flavoring Extracts. They win 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
Ca-peron, 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
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
" "	Vacant Land on Common Lot No 31	2.06
McNeill, Duncan,	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. McNutt, 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
Steel, Robert,	House & Land on Town Lot No 20, 3rd hun,	8.44
Trainor, 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 \$390, Vacant Land Corner Lot, \$300, on Common Lot 23,	6.75
Thorne, R. & Geo. S.	House and Land on Common Lot 23,	1.12
Williams, John,	Large House & Land on Common Lot No 23,	16.87
" "	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.

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ANNUAL MEETING

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EDMOND T. HIGGS,
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