

THE BUDGET.

HON. MR. MITCHELL SPEAKS ON THE

Financial State of the Province - Expenditure \$653,434.98.

The Total Estimated Income \$683,769.68 surplus \$30,334.70.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell submitted a statement of the current revenue accounts up to March 8th., at the legislature Tuesday.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell submitted the estimates for 1893. They are as follows: - Estimates of sums required for the service of the province not otherwise provided for, for the current year.

Administration of Justice. - Equity chambers, St. John, \$150; equity chambers, St. John, janitor, \$208; judges' chambers and law library St. John, \$450; total, \$808.

Agriculture. - Expenses imported horses, \$500; encouragement of dairying, \$6,000; total, \$6,500; contingencies of the legislature and public departments, \$12,000; education, school houses, poor districts, \$1,000; fisheries protection, \$1,000; free grants act, \$5,000.

Legislation. - Librarian, \$500; insurance on library, \$50; book, etc., \$500. House of Assembly. - Assistant clerk, \$500; secretaries of committees and engrossing clerks, \$1,100; Chaplain, \$80; sergeant-at-arms, \$4 per diem, \$140; door keeper, \$2 per diem, \$70; messenger, \$2 per diem, \$70; five messengers, \$150 per diem, \$2,825.50; two pages, \$1 per diem, \$70; law clerk, \$1,000; total, \$4,342.50.

Lunatic asylum maintenance, \$45,000; natural history society, \$125; public health contingencies, etc., \$1,100; public hospitals, \$4,400; public printing, \$1,100; public works, roads and bridges, \$165,000; steam navigation, \$5,000.

Public buildings, etc. - Legislative buildings and offices, \$8,500; government house, \$300; normal school, \$3,500; lunatic asylum, \$4,000; miscellaneous expenses of departments, \$2,850; total, \$192,150; reformatory for boys, completing building, \$1,500; refunds crown lands, \$2,000; surveys and railway inspection, \$1,500; unforeseen expenses, \$2,000; grand total, \$289,625.50.

Mr. Mitchell also submitted the financial statement for 1892 and 1893.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell said the house is now going into supply just as it had in former years including those in which the present leader of the opposition was a valiant supporter of the present government.

He charged that the government were pleased that the county during the past year was fairly prosperous. He stated that by the auditor's report it would seem that the bonded indebtedness during the past year had increased \$241,500 over what it was at the close of 1891, when it was \$2,342,000.

This was attributed to subsidies paid to different railway companies; also including \$140,000 paid under the act of 54th Victoria and the Woodstock bridge. The speaker was of the opinion that subsidizing railways would be a detriment to the government.

During the past year the total expenditure on current revenue account had been \$676,482.97 and the total receipts had been \$682,698.99, leaving a deficit of \$23,813.98. It would be remembered that last year he had called the attention of the house to the disappointing character of the census returns by which, instead of an estimated increase of nearly 40,000 people which would have given an increase per capita allowance of about \$30,000, it appeared that the increase had only been 60 or 70 souls.

The statisticians had now got it down finer still, and the exact increase was only 30 souls, giving us an increased revenue of \$24 which \$30,000 had been expected. When the ordinary estimates were brought down last year a deficit was estimated of \$17,685.72. Supplementary estimates swelled this amount to \$20,799.50 and the total deficit last year was \$38,485.23.

Legislation in reference to taxes imposed on corporations and succession duties estimated left the real deficit at \$10,000. Under the head of agricultural \$20,670.89 had been expended. The speaker here referred to travelling dairies and cheese factories and other works.

THE INCREASED NUMBER OF SCHOOLS. The expenditure for education the past year exceeded the estimate by nearly \$4,000. This was due to the increased number of schools, and it was a matter for congratulation that more scholars were attending the schools than formerly even though the population of the province seemed to be stationary.

The cost of elections as far as the government knew was \$6,780.73. What the elections might have cost members individually he did not know. Fishery and game protection had cost \$1,297.

The interest account last year came to \$106,910.84; legislation to \$25,034.40, an item which varied with the length of the session. The expenditures upon Lunatic Asylum account were \$45,000, as against \$45,442.25 the previous year. The average cost of maintenance last year was less than it had been in any year since 1888, being \$107.39, as compared with \$110.90 in '91. The expenditures for public printing exceeded that of the previous year, amounting to \$12,492.09. In explanation of this Mr. Mitchell said that a new edition of the school manual had been published, and certain extra printing had been made necessary in connection with fishery and mining licenses. In the public works department there had been an over expenditure during the year of \$16,871.15. The total estimated income would be \$693,769.68. The estimate for contingencies was \$12,600; for education \$175,019.48. The costs of legislation was placed at \$19,742.50 as against \$35,034.40 last year. The estimate for public printing was \$11,000, as compared with \$12,482 for last year, this decrease being due to the abolition of the legislative council. The estimates for public works was \$195,150. One item of expenditure appeared for the first time in the estimates this year, which he had

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no doubt would be favorably received by the house, the grant of \$3,500 in aid of a boy's reformatory. The total estimated receipts were, as he had said before, \$693,769.68. The total estimated expenditures \$693,404.98, leaving an estimated surplus of \$364,364.70 for the current year. (Applause)

Mr. Powell followed and spoke at some length on the budget. He was followed by the Hon. Mr. White and others.

After recess the house again went into supply, the item under consideration being that of \$500 to provide for an engrossing clerk and an increase in the salaries of two of the engrossing staff.

Mr. Stockton said the additional clerk seemed entirely unnecessary.

Hon. Mr. Blair said the expenditure could be revoked by the house at any time if deemed necessary. The government was simply transferring the office of engrossing clerk, which had been attached to the legislative council, to this house, and the same duties would have to be performed. Ontario had been objected to by the hon. member as being a large and wealthy province. But Manitoba, with a large annual deficit and less legislation than New Brunswick, employed no less than 10 seasonal writers. The legislation was experimental, and it might even be found necessary to increase the staff still further. The people of this province, whose interests were so vitally affected by the legislation of this house, would rather have a thousand dollars too much than a thousand dollars too little expended in perfecting legislation.

Hon. Mr. White said the actual increase was only \$200. The office of engrossing clerk attached to the legislative council, did not really belong to that body, even though it appeared under that heading. His services had been performed for the public, and were as necessary now as then. As for the increase complained of, it was quite common for the engrossing clerks to receive extra compensation with the consent of both sides of the house.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell explained that bills as engrossed before the third reading would remain part of the record of the house. Then the bill would be engrossed again for the governor's assent and filed with the provincial secretary, forming the original act of assembly.

Mr. Allen and Mr. Shaw said, that in view of the explanation given by the provincial secretary they would support the grant; and the item passed without division.

The following items were also passed: Natural History Society, \$125; refunds of crown lands, \$200; surveys and railway expenses, \$1,500; legislative library, \$1,050; public hospital, \$4,400; expenses imported horses, \$500; unforeseen expenses, \$2,000.

When the item of public printing (\$11,000) was reached, Mr. Stockton asked whether the government proposed doing anything as to the recommendation of the public accounts by which a considerable saving could be made in the printing of the reports. For instance the crown land report and board of works reports contained a great deal of matter that also appeared in the auditor general's report.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson explained that the board of works report was required to be sent to all the commissioners and supervisors and if the matter that more particularly referred to that service was left out of that report, a much larger edition of the auditor's report would have to be issued.

The item passed; also of that contingencies of public health, \$1,100; contingencies of legislature and public departments, \$12,000.

Upon the item of encouragement of dairying (6,000) being reached, Mr. Stockton asked why it was that the government were giving only \$6,000 for this service this year when they gave \$8,000 last?

Hon. Mr. Mitchell said the government had asked for \$8,000 last year, but had not expended the whole amount.

The item passed. Law clerk, \$1,000. Mr. Stockton strongly protested against this as an useless and unnecessary expense.

Hon. Mr. Blair said there had always existed, still more did there exist today a necessity for a competent, experienced gentleman who would examine and supervise our legislation. The duty had hitherto devolved very largely upon himself, but he felt that, in addition to his other duties it was too much to expect him to assume the responsibilities of giving close supervision and scrutiny to the bills passing through this house. Hitherto all bills passing through this house had gone to the legislative council, and while a great reform had been effected by the abolition of that body, at the same time there had been imposed upon this house added responsibilities. The law clerk duties would not be confined merely to the session; he would be expected to give assistance to the government at all times in the preparation of its bills. When the late William End was law clerk he received the same sum as that now proposed to be paid, and certainly the general volume of legislation was as great now as then. In every other province of the dominion, except Nova Scotia, they had a law clerk, and the testimony was unanimous as to their usefulness.

The item passed.

In response to Mr. Pinder's enquiry as to the Nackawick bridge, Hon. Mr. Emmerson said he had given instructions that the bridge be examined and reported upon.

Dr. Alward, in the absence of Mr. Phinney, moved for returns of all amounts received under the succession duties act of 1892.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell. The information will be found on page 5 of the auditor's report.

Dr. Alward. Does that comprise all receipts down to date?

Hon. Mr. Mitchell. It does. Hon. O'Brien introduced a bill in amendment of chap. 99 of municipalities.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson introduced a bill in addition to and in amendment of the N. B. Dental act of 1890.

The house then resumed in committee of supply, Mr. Killam in the chair. When the house adjourned at 9 o'clock all the items of supply had passed.

On motion of Hon. Mr. Mitchell it was decided that supply be made the order of the day for Tuesday next.

On Wednesday the item of \$8,000 for steam navigation passed, as did also the item of \$165,000 for roads and bridges.

Mr. Alward wanted to know why there had been a change in this item. Formerly there had been two items, one of \$70,000 for by-roads and bridges.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson said that it was proposed to pay the money for by-roads and great roads and bridges through the chief commissioner's office, instead of having the \$70,000 paid through the provincial secretary's office as formerly.

Answering Mr. Alward, Hon. Mr. Emmerson said it was not intended to lessen the sums for by-road purposes to any of the counties-in fact, he could see reasons why it might be necessary to increase them.

Mr. Pitts said public opinion in St. John was that the asylum was not well nor economically managed. Dr. Steeves and his son formed a sort of family compact. The inspections were largely a matter of form.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell said the reduced fees indicated less patients admitted, which surely was not a matter of complaint. It might indicate that there were a good many people outside of the institution who ought to be in it. (Great laughter.)

Mr. Stockton thought that patients improperly certified could be reported to the government for removal.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell said it was exceedingly difficult to tell whether a patient was a danger to himself or to the superintendent had a large responsibility thrown upon him in many cases.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

What the Gossips have to Remark about

The Trend of Matters Political Parliamentary or Otherwise.

Some Touch-and-Go notices of all Mentionable Manner of Things.

The prohibition commission have put the country to an expense of \$30,000, and for what? The money could have been expended in a far better way, as all are just as much in the dark as ever as to the feeling of the people on that point.

Boston was in a state of sensation on Friday afternoon last, when five million dollars worth of property was destroyed by fire, four people killed and about thirty more injured. The fire broke out in the Partridge building on Essex street, and it was only by superhuman efforts on the part of the firemen that a terrible calamity was averted.

The annual school report of 1892 contains many interesting facts. The number of schools during the first term of last year was 1,585 an increase of 49 over the second term of 1891. Of teachers there were 1,669, an increase of 37, and of pupils 60,786, an increase of 1,218. St. John shows the highest percentage of attendance. All the other counties, except Sunbury, Queens and Victoria, show an average attendance for the whole year of more than one-half of the total number enrolled. All the counties, except Gloucester, St. John and Sunbury have more than one in five of their total population in attendance at the schools for some part of the school year. Nearly 21 1-2 per cent of the total population of the province are enrolled in the public schools for one or both of the school terms.

The Provincial Secretary has a reputation for dry jokes, but he never perpetrated one more appropriate or more irresistibly funny than that of which poor Pitts was the victim on Wednesday night. Mr. Pitts attempted (though it is scarcely necessary to add that it was a miserable failure) to make an intelligent criticism on the floors of the house regarding the item of \$45,000 supply for the Lunatic Asylum, and in the course of his remarks said that the amount received last year as fees for lunatics admitted to the asylum was less than in former years, and intimated that in his opinion this indicated that the family compact, who he declared has charge of the asylum affairs, were guilty of unduly lowering the fees for admission. Mr. Mitchell rose to explain, with great gravity, and in conclusion remarked that the fact cited by Mr. Pitts did not, in his opinion, indicate that the fees were being lowered, but that the number of patients admitted had been less than in former years, and wound up by saying that there were very many lunatics still at large who ought to be within the bounds of the institution.

The house saw the point at once, and for full five minutes the floors and galleries were noisy with laughter. Poor Herran received a blow from the shoulder, and after a few spasmodic attempts, to make himself heard intelligently, took his seat, with a determination, we hope, not to meddle with great questions again. By the way would it not be praiseworthy for the government to appoint Herman Editor-in-Chief, or corresponding editor at least, of the Lancaster Argus, with an annual salary sufficient for his wants? By adopting this suggestion the government would provide him with a secure position, for which he is eminently qualified, and in which he could spend the remainder of his days giving vent to his incoherent babblings in the presence of an appreciative audience.

St Patrick's Day. Yesterday morning services were held in the Catholic church in honor of the feast of St. Patrick. A grand entertainment was given last night in St. Dunstan's hall. The vocal and instrumental music was good. All the performers receiving encores. The programme was fallows. The members of the A. O. H. dramatic club wound up the entertainment with the laughable after-piece entitled "Mademoiselle Squabino."

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The very laughable afterpiece, entitled: "Mademoiselle Squabino," with the following named members of the Dramatic Club forming the cast: Mr. Henry Dolton, Mr. John Toomey; Mr. Charles Mortimer, (his friend,) Mr. Jas. P. Farrell; Bob Brown, (Dalton's Servant,) Mr. T. C. Doherty.

Action for Libel. C. R. Smith, Q. C. of Amherst has been retained by A. O. Hastings to bring an action against B. M. Colwell for five thousand dollars damages. It is understood the cause of action is for slander and libel uttered by Colwell reflecting on the character of Hastings. Unless settled a writ will be issued at once in the supreme court. Both parties are commercial travellers, reside in the province of Ontario, and representing competing firms. Both are also well known in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Smash-up. A passenger coach and flat car of the Canada Eastern railway were badly smashed Thursday morning, besides considerable damage to the track. A flat car loading hemlock bark supposed to be on a siding but which the men had run up half way on the switch caused the trouble. When the Chatham accommodation backed over from Gibson thinking the track clear, they ran with considerable speed into the flat car. Fortunately no passengers were injured.

EVENTS AROUND US.

Happenings of the Week Throughout the Province.

See Allen Bros. advertisement in this issue. Lady Tilley "at home" every Tuesday from 3 to 6 p. m. Mr. Killam has secured the appointment of Deputy Speaker. The New Brunswick military will camp at Sussex this year.

The annual educational sermons were preached last Sunday in the Methodist church. Hon. H. A. Connell was confined to his room at the Queen for several days, through illness. The evening services in all the city churches will commence at 7 o'clock, beginning tomorrow.

A chimney on fire at the residence of Mr. Wm. Crowdon, caused an alarm Monday evening. Rev. Mr. Manning occupied the pulpit in the Baptist church last Sunday, Rev. Mr. Crawley being ill. An "at home" was given by the Royal Arcanum Thursday in the Temperance hall. A delightful evening was spent.

The concert given in the City Hall, Monday evening by the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church was most successful in every particular. The Salvation Army band of Woodstock, will be here next Wednesday and Thursday. The meetings on those days will be led by Capt. McLean, of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Harris of Springhill, celebrated their tin wedding Wednesday night last. A large number of the young ladies and gentlemen were driven up from the city by Mr. Geo. I. Gunter. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Harris many happy returns.

York Co., has lost one of its much esteemed and respected inhabitants in Mrs. Nelson Cliff, who died on the 11th inst., in her 87th year, leaving a husband in his 95th year. They had been married sixty-five years and had five sons and one daughter: G. A. Cliff of this city; Nelson Cliff, Florida; J. S. Cliff, Queensbury; A. E. Cliff, Kingslear; Dr. L. A. Cliff, Boston, and Mrs. G. R. Price of St. John.

The infant son of Mr. Samuel Williamson of Bathurst, met with a very painful accident some days ago. The child was playing in the yard when one of the horses coming in from the stable ran at him throwing him down and biting him severely on the face. Had not the child's elder brother run in time to his assistance the little fellow would doubtless have been killed by the vicious brute. Dr. Duncan was immediately called and under his skillful treatment the child is doing very well.

News was received the other day of a horrible affair which happened at Waverly N. S. For many years John Lingley has been postmaster there. Mr. Lingley is probably one of the best known men in the province. He is 82 years old. His daughter went to visit a friend and on her return a horrible spectacle was presented. The room was full of smoke and flames issued from under the stove, which had been knocked down. On top of the stove was lying the prostrate form of her father. His breast rested on the stove pipe which had also fallen. Seeing that the house would soon be in flames and thinking it impossible to remove her father from his perilous position, the daughter ran out and alarmed the neighbors who quickly responded. Mr. Lingley was rescued and the stove carried outside. He is in a very precarious state, very slight hopes being entertained of his recovery. It is thought the old gentleman took a bad turn and fell across the stove, knocking it down.

DIED. Merrithew. Suddenly at Gibson on 28th ult. of consumption, Ella D. Merrithew, aged 21 years, second daughter of James N. and Livia Merrithew. Chase. At Gibson, York Co. on the 9th inst. Ethel M. Chase, aged 16 years, only daughter of Ludlow Chase, of Idaho, U. S. formerly of Woodstock N. B.

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At the City Hall. J. S. Murphy, the great Irish Comedian, will appear at the city hall the latter part of April. He is under the management of Mr. T. H. Fenety for all the provincial towns.

Appointments. The Local government have appointed Hon. Wm. Pugsley law clerk, and Hon. Mr. Richard and Mr. Geo. A. Hughes secretaries to the general committee. The latter are also to take a part in the engrossing of bills, the other engrossing clerk being Mr. L. C. Macnutt.

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