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Dominion Parliament.

Ottawa, March 17.—The budget speech of Hon Mr. Fielding, delivered in the Canadian parliament today, was concise. He spoke for an hour and a half, which is probably the shortest time ever occupied by a finance minister in presenting his financial statement.

He said that Canada stood the test of the financial stringency better than them all. Among the features of the budget may be mentioned a surplus for the nine months ending March 31 last, of more than \$16,000,000.

The public debt was reduced that year by \$3,000,000. There is a surplus of more than \$19,000,000 for the current fiscal year, which ends with this month, but the year's transactions will close by adding something to the public debt.

For the fiscal year upon which the country enters, Mr. Fielding predicts that while the revenue will not be so large as for the current fiscal year, it will be sufficient to meet all ordinary expenditure and leave something to the good. But there will be in this case a small amount added to the public debt. For the coming year more than \$33,000,000 will be needed for the transcontinental railway.

The per capita debt for the past fiscal year was \$42.84 per head.

Canada's total trade last year was \$617,964,952. The total trade with Britain was \$208,745,193.

There are no changes in the tariff, the change in the excise duty on tobacco is for the purpose of using in the future only one stamp instead of three, and in this way remove the brand of inferiority against Canadian tobacco. The change will not affect revenue, but if anything the duty has been reduced.

In moving the house into committee of ways and means, Mr. Fielding said.

"The outturn of the financial period ended March 31, 1907, proved somewhat more favorable than the anticipation which I ventured to present to the house in the budget speech of the previous November. I had estimated a revenue of \$65,000,000, but the actual revenue for the nine months was \$67,969,328, an excess over the estimate of \$2,969,328.

"I estimated an expenditure chargeable to consolidated fund of \$52,000,000. The expenditure proved to be \$51,542,161, which was less than the estimate to the extent of \$457,838. I had estimated a surplus of \$13,000,000. The actual surplus for the nine months was \$16,427,167. That is the surplus for the nine months was larger than the surplus of any fiscal year since confederation."

Proceeding, Mr. Fielding remarked that the revenue during the nine months was very buoyant, showing a large proportion of increase over that of 1905-06. The same could be said of excise.

The post office revenue continues to increase and that service may now be regarded as being established on a paying basis. The receipts for this period from this source were \$5,061,728, and the expenditure \$3,979,557, leaving a surplus of \$1,082,171.

Mr. Fielding then quoted the statement of the post office revenue and expenditure from 1896 to 1907. Showing that in the former year there had been a deficit of \$700,997, as contrasted with the surplus of over \$1,000,000 mentioned above.

"It was to be remembered," he said, "that this great change was coincident with a very material reduction in the postal rates of the country. We have not only had a more prosperous revenue, a lower rate of postal taxation, but a continued expansion in the service." He quoted figures to show that in the last nine months 236 post offices, 355

postal note offices, 115 money order offices and thirty-two savings banks had been added to the service in addition to the large increase in the mileage of mail service as compared with previous years.

Turning to another branch of revenue and expenditure, Mr. Fielding drew attention to the fact that for the nine months the I. C. R. had a revenue of \$6,248,251, while the working expenses were \$6,030,171 showing an excess of revenue over working expenses of \$218,079. The Prince Edward Island Railway, on the other hand, showed an excess of expense over revenue of \$67,713.

For the nine months the decrease of the net debt was \$3,371,117. Referring to the reduction of the public debt, Mr. Fielding reminded the house that on every occasion when he had to speak of the subject he had taken the precaution to warn the house and the country that it would not be reasonable to expect in a country like Canada that we should have frequent reductions of the public debt. Since confederation there have been only six years during which there have been reductions in the debt. One of these reductions stands to the credit of Sir Francis Hicks away back in 1871. Another to the credit of Sir Leonard Tilley in 1882, the remaining four can be claimed by the present administration.

"Moderate increase in the public debt from time to time," continued Mr. Fielding, "is to be expected, and would be quite defensible. I think it would be a cause of surprise to many persons to know that after the lapse of ten and three quarter years of the present administration there has been such a very small addition to the public debt. During that period we have carried on large operations. We have provided generously for the public service, although my honorable friends opposite would use a stronger word, they would say 'lavishly.' We have provided for our capital and special expenditure. We have expended \$127,000,000, which forms what is called the capital and special account, and notwithstanding all these liberal allowances for all the public services, notwithstanding the liberality with which all branches of the public services have been maintained, notwithstanding the energy carried into the development of our public works, we find ourselves at the end of this ten and three-quarter years period with an addition to the public debt amounting to only \$5,174,427. If it were not for the special item of the N. T. A. railway, which is of an exceptional character, we would find that during the ten and three-quarter years we have had no increase of the public debt whatever, but a very considerable surplus over expenditure of every kind.

"If we look into the question of the debt in its relation to the population of the country, we find reason for believing that Canada is very modest in the matter of incurring public debts. As the country increases its population we, of course, increase in ability to bear the burden. If the increase of the public debt should simply keep pace with the increase of population and the development of our resources, there will be nothing to complain of. But when we are able to show that from the point of view of the debt per head there has been no increase, but in reality an actual decrease of the public debt per head. I think it will be admitted that we are making a very gratifying statement. Beginning at the year 1891 and taking the figures of the population as furnished by the census department, we find that the net debt per head of the population is as follows: In 1891 it was \$49.08; 1896, \$50.82, and in 1907, \$42.84.

For the fiscal ending March 31, 1908, Mr. Fielding estimated that the revenue would amount to \$66,500,000, and the amount chargeable to consolidated fund to \$77,500,000. If these expectations were realized the year would close with a surplus of \$19,000,000, a larger surplus than in any previous year. (Cheers.)

Dealing with the capital and special expenditures, he stated that this would have to be estimated on a pretty liberal scale, as the country was now engaged in the construction of large works. He estimated the capital and special expenditure for the current year at \$33,700,000. This would make a grand total expenditure for the year of \$110,500,000. Deducting from this the estimated revenue of \$66,500,000 and the sinking funds of about \$2,000,000, making in all \$68,500,000, there would be left a balance at the end of the year to be added to the public debt of probably \$12,000,000. This, however, would be brought about by the fact that the government planned to spend no less a sum than \$17,750,000 on the National Transcontinental railway. Otherwise the year would close not with an addition to the public debt, but a reduction to the extent of \$5,750,000.

He believed that the particularly large increase in population would more than balance the increase in the public debt and that the result

would be that the per capita debt at the close of this year would not be any higher than it was last year.

Reviewing the expenditure on the Transcontinental Railway (eastern division) Mr. Fielding gave the following figures which the government had spent in the last four years: 1904, \$6,249; 1905, \$778,491; 1906, \$1,841,268; 1907, \$5,537,867, making a total of \$8,163,875. Adding the estimate for the current year, he went on to say that the government would have spent on this work at the close of the present fiscal year \$26,000,000.

The finance minister pointed out that by the amendment to the B. N. A. act of last year the provincial governments are now receiving much larger allowances than in previous years.

The trade returns for the past eleven months had been by no means discouraging. The total imports for eleven months of 1906 were \$308,764,306. For the corresponding period of the present year they were \$341,175,095. The total exports for the eleven months of 1906 were \$266,876,801. For the corresponding months of the present year they were \$281,434,121. Thus the imports had some what increased and the exports slightly decreased.

He realized, however, that the country was now at the stage where there must be some falling off in revenue.

Table of Sick Benefit Rates.

Age of	For Male Members	For Female Members
16 to 18 years	Ordinary \$0.40	Ordinary \$0.30
19 and 20	0.41	0.31
21 " 22	0.42	0.32
23 " 24	0.43	0.33
25 " 26	0.44	0.34
27 " 28	0.45	0.35
29 " 30	0.46	0.36
31 " 32	0.47	0.37
33 " 34	0.48	0.38
35 " 36	0.49	0.39
37 " 38	0.50	0.40
39 " 40	0.52	0.42
41 " 42	0.54	0.44
43 " 44	0.56	0.46
45 " 46	0.60	0.50
47 " 48	0.67	0.54
49 " 50	0.75	0.60

Male members receive, in case of sickness or accident, \$3 per week for the first week, and \$5 per week for the following eleven weeks' illness, and if taken ill again within a period of one year thereafter they receive a further benefit of \$3 per week for 12 weeks more. No benefit is paid for less than one week's illness or disability.

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NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage, bearing date the twenty-fifth day of January, A. D. 1902, recorded in the Carleton County Records, in Book "E", No. 4, on pages 180, 181 and 182, and made between Humboldt Sharp and Mary E. Sharp his wife of the one part, and Julia H. Johnson, (now Julia H. Ives) of the other part; there will for the purpose of satisfying the moneys secured by the said Indenture of Mortgage, default having been made in the payment thereof, be sold at Public Auction in front of the law office of Louis E. Young, on Main Street, in the Town of Woodstock, on SATURDAY, the 25th day of April, A. D. 1908, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, all the lands and premises in the said Indenture of Mortgage, described as follows:—All that piece of land heretofore conveyed by Adam B. Sharp to Francis P. Sharp by Deed dated December 1st, 1897, and described as follows: Being a piece of land seventy eight and one half rods wide fronting on the Eastern side of the Highway Road in Northampton Parish in said County, bounded on the South by lands owned and occupied by the heirs of the late James Sharp, the said Highway Road; on the north by lands occupied by Frederick Phillips (formerly); on the east by lands owned by Adam B. Sharp (formerly); commencing at a certain willow stake standing seventy-three rods easterly from the said line between the said Adam B. Sharp and Frederick Phillips (formerly); thence running westerly on the said line seventy-three rods until it strikes said highway; thence northerly along the said side of said road till it strikes the southerly line of said Highway Road; thence southerly to the first mentioned willow stake, at the place of beginning, containing thirty acres more or less, being same land conveyed to said Francis P. Sharp by Francis P. Sharp and wife by deed dated January 25, 1898, and registered in Carleton County Registry of Deeds, on February 21, 1898.

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