

The Budget—Hon. Mr. Foster's Annual Statement.

gap. We must add enough to restore the equilibrium and we must be sure that to take a little more it will be enough. In order to be certain that we propose to do shall be fully and thoroughly done, (hear, hear,) I propose to impose a slight additional tax upon distilled spirits. The excise duty on spirits is now \$1.50 per gallon and we propose to add 20cts. per gallon and make the excise duty \$1.70. The customs duty on spirits is now \$2.1 per gallon and we propose to make that \$2.25, an increase of 12 cents. That we think will bring the revenue about \$500,000 or \$600,000, which will give us \$1,700,000 or \$1,800,000 of additional revenue.

In some way the erroneous notion has come to prevail that, in treating the morphine habit, cocaine is of great value, counteracting the effects of the morphine. Proceeding on this principle, numberless quacks have claimed ability to cure the morphine habit. The unfortunates whom they have succeeded in deluding are perhaps cured of the morphine habit, but in its stead they become cursed with a vice far more ruinous than all their former ills. Cocaine may counteract the effects of morphine, but when the action of the cocaine is exhausted the system demands greatly increased quantities of morphine, and this in turn produces a desire for more and

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