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revenue than ever before, the pro vince is gradually going behind on or dinary expenditure and honest book keeping would have revealed a deficit instead of a surplus. If the present rate of expenditure is continued for the present year there is no known method of finance which will enable the provincial secretary to come out a surplus.

could be got at. One thing, however, is apparent that the man who is be-

The session of the legislature which closed somewhat abruptly on Satur-day has been a particularly uncomfort-able one for the government. From the very start much uneasiness was manifest on the government benches. The cause of these anxious looks was report was laid on the table. The government claimed a beggarly sur-plus of \$4,400, and it did not take much effort to discover in the report alluded to an item of \$15,500 which had been transferred from ordinary alluded to an item of \$13,500 interval. had been transferred from ordinary bridge account to permanent pridge to bring the legislature to a close.

government in the very awkward pos-ition of having spent this sum and there time nor intention apparently to

on which it was spent.

Mr. Flemming's action in thus re-ducing the loan will do more to prevent fake financing than the audit act which has not prevented over expen-diture or the payment of accounts which have not been properly certi-

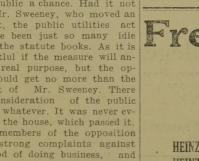
The exposure of Mr. Flemming's fal-lacies by Mr. Robinson showed that the remarks of Andrew Carnegie at a the province as the result of reckless expenditures on the part of the gov-ernment was really in debt for a large sum at the end of the year, in-stead of having a balance to its cred-it. There had been much switching of accounts and all sorts of subterfuge including the holding over of expend-itures until after the close of the fisincluding the holding over of expense the age. itures until after the close of the fis-"We are bound to have regulation

To such an extent has the government done this that half of the an-ticipated revenue of the present year has been expended already. The same was true of the previous year, Mr. Flemming's statement to the con-trary notwithstanding. Another cause of uneasiness in the government ranks was the change of policy on the part of Mr. Hazen res-pecting the Valley Railway. He had promised the people of the St. John valley a guarantee for a railroad to be operated by the Dominion govern-ment—a genuine competing line. There that it was made. That these sus-picions were well founded was shown

Reference has already been made to the improper use of legislative machinery to settle a dispute between two mining compan-ies as to their respective rights. The story of the remarkable deal that led up to the introduction of this bill by the surveyor general would make in-teresting reading if the full facts

The session of the legislature which hind the favored company is a man

account. In other words, the government, finding themselves face to face with a deficit, decided to class several bridges as permanent that had not been considered when they were built. In this way a deficit of \$11,000 was turned into a surplus of \$4,400. The proceeding was unwarranted and without precedent, and placed the government in the very awkward posgovernment in the very awkward pos-ition of having spent this sum and nearly \$7,000 besides without any le-gislative authority whatever. Of this proof was furnished by no less a person than the provincial sec-retary himself, when he brought down a bill to add \$300,000 to the public debt for permanent bridges. This bill gave the government great powers. Two hundred thousand of the amount asked for was to be spent for bridges named in the act; the remainder they might spend at their own sweet will. Something dropped on this bill, for just at the close of the session, and after it had passed its third reading. He bill was reintroduced and amend-ed by reducing the amount asked for to \$200,000 and naming the bridges, on which it was spent.



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Los. Angeles, March 26 .- Philoso-- IF YOU WANTatent

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such a road as he had promised the the State take half of it." people should be built.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company did not want competition in their territory —particularly such such competition as they would get from a

possible, while he is prepared to give the most favorable terms to another company which is not compelled to connect with any transcontinental purely local road. There was never more reaklass disragrad of the inter more reckless disregard of the inter-ests of the province than in passing legislation to guarantee the bonds of

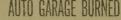
s a monstrous proposition. The investigation of the accounts of the public works department shows that there was no attempt made to do bridge work by contract. Thous- state commerce commission today or-

for supplies and labor and a general reduced from 23 cents per hundred disregard of business principles was discernible in every account examined. Time after time the correspond-ence showed that the work was done without authority, and in other in-

stances men not in any way identified with the provincial government or legislature ordered the work and it was paid for. There were occasions, where the auditor general objected to the expenditures but the bills were paid over his head without regard to the audit act.

Viewed from every standpoint the session was unfortunate for the government. It was driven home by the opposition that they had failed to make good a single pledge they had. made to gain power. With a larger 25 Broad Street - - New York House Furnishers,

picions were well founded was shown It would make a nation of liars. Let early in the session. It was clear then men make all the money they can in that Mr. Hazen did not intend that



government operated railway. From Plainfield, N. J., March 28.-Twen-the beginning Mr. Hazen side stepped ty-two automobiles were destroyed on his promise, and while still pro- and eighteen were damaged when fire fessing to favor his original proposal he brought down legislation that al-most makes his original proposal im-of the machines were the property of

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