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A MIGHTY MIND

Our local contemporary, in the course of an editorial article on Thursday under the heading "Laurier Financiers," made some statements which, if intended seriously, are certainly among the most wonderful productions of modern times and mark the author as the greatest financial critic of the century.

If the statements are to be accepted as true, then the Hon. W. S. Fielding minister of finance for Canada, is one of the most clever financial swindlers that the world has ever known. During the last twelve years he has been carrying on a systematic deception of Parliament, of the public, and of the world. Such an adept at the art has he become that he has in the time named been able to make away with public money, which he admits that he received, to the amount of \$136,000,000, and "that the money cannot be traced, and worse yet, 'Nowhere in the public records is the \$136,000,000 mentioned. What makes the feat the most startling is that it has been done year in and year out, right before the faces of the whole Opposition, with the Hon. G. E. Foster, that Heaven-born financier, at their head.

This seems to the ordinary mind to be about incredible. However, there is one consolation, this scoundrel has at last been found out and even if the \$136,000,000 is never found or heard of again, Mr. Fielding will never dare to have another surplus.

Another consolation, and that a proud one, is that the keen minded discoverer of this terrible swindle belongs to our city. Naturally our thoughts would turn to the great financial centres of the world, such as London, Paris or New York, as the dwelling place of one who was the proud possessor of such a mighty and ingenious mind. It only seems to bring home to us the truth of the striking lines from Gray's elegy:

"Full many a flower is born to bloom unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

But passing from the discoverer to the discovery, it is only to learn that like many other of the great discoveries, it is a very simple matter. Newton saw an apple fall and from that his great mind grasped the great truth of gravitation toward the centre of the earth. The writer in The Gleaner, according to his story, while casually looking over the Public Accounts of the Dominion, discovered that during the time these surpluses amounting to \$136,000,000, were being piled up, \$78,000,000 was being added to the public debt. Further investigation disclosed that Mr. Fielding worked the trick by keeping two accounts, one of which he called a consolidated revenue account, and another a capital account. This keeping of two such accounts is, of course, entirely new, and must have originated in the wicked brain of Mr. Fielding, and if it had not been so, accidentally and providentially discovered, might have gone on to the end of his natural life—for there seems to be no end to the Laurier regime in sight—swindling and robbing the country and deceiving everybody.

It is a pity that such a great mind should rust for want of exercise and we, therefore, submit the following facts for his consideration: The public accounts of the Dominion show that while the Tory party was in power from 1879 to 1896, there were surpluses amounting to: \$27,859,361.68, and that during the same time the public debt increased by \$115,507,245.41.

For the year 1909 Mr. Flemming had a surplus of \$4,444.97 and during the same time he added \$217,491.40 to the debt of the Province.

How could these "phenomena" occur without a "consolidated revenue account" and a "capital account" being kept? If Messrs. Tilley and Foster and Mr. Flemming can have such accounts, why not Mr. Fielding?

A SUGGESTION

In many parts of the Eastern States of America, boys' vegetable gardens on the outskirts of the various cities have become a very popular and remunerative form of recreation combined with a means of acquiring some really useful and beneficial knowledge. The start of this movement was made in 1897 on the outskirts of Dayton, O. where the president of a corporation having a large plot of unused land gave it to boys for cultivation. The land was plowed and the lads were given seed to sow. Ten years later there were 50 of these individual gardens in the neighborhood, 10x100 feet in size, and tended by as many different boys, the corporation furnishing tools, seeds and other equipments and the head gardener. These garden associations have sprung up in many other parts of the country in and around cities. In many localities the boys make enough during the summer to provide pocket money for the winter. Some keep their homes supplied with vegetables through the whole summer.

These gardens become for many a centre of natural history work. A technical knowledge is obtained of flowers, plants and vegetables. Where school children are thus employed in their own behalf, seeds are planted in a greenhouse during the winter for later use in the garden. The greenhouse also affords a constant supply of growing plants of a great variety of kinds for use in the schoolrooms. Much of the school garden work may be classed as elementary agriculture.

Children's gardens are now becoming quite common in connection with the country schools of the province. Would it not be possible to extend the idea and provide plots of land for boys and girls who would be willing to undertake the care and cultivation of them, under competent instruction in connection with our city schools? There are few more pleasurable or profitable occupations than gardening and a scheme which has been found successful in so many cities of the United States, should not be impossible of realisation in Fredericton.

Mr. R. L. Borden appears still to be under the impression that his party will win on the next appeal to the people, provided that harmony is first restored in its ranks. The restoration of harmony is no doubt very desirable but that alone will not help him unless he has something more tangible to offer the people than is apparent from his speeches so far. Moreover a leader who cannot control his own handful of followers, is scarcely likely to appeal to intelligent people as a satisfactory individual to place in control of the destinies of a rapidly developing country such as Canada.

Fredericton has been promised light power and heat from Grand Falls, sometime or other. Now Mr. Slipp says the same combination may perhaps be got from Albert oil wells. In that case will there be any use for the Gibson & Minto Railway over which citizens are looking for the Grand Lake coal to come?

Ottawa dispatches indicate that Messrs. A. & R. Loggie are the lowest tenderers for some North Shore Dredging. This looks like more trouble and worry ahead for the already overburdened member for York.

FINED FOR ASSAULT ON TWO NEGROES

Montreal, June 17.—There can be no race division in Montreal, according to Mr. Recorder Weir. Two negroes, named Dickson and Sergeant, went into the Museum of Anatomy, on St. Lawrence street. Joe Gaynon and John Dowe, who run the place, have an aversion to colored men, so they unceremoniously threw Messrs. Dickson and Sergeant out.

'Syrians, Chinese and negroes have just as much right to walk the streets and enter the public places of this city as any one else,' said Judge Weir this morning, when he had heard the charge of assault. He fined Gaynon and Dowe \$5 and costs, amounting to \$3.50 each, or one month.

ROOSEVELT TOUR MUCH EXAGGERATED

Reports to America Made it a Triumphal Progress While Little Attention was in Fact Paid to Him.

Montreal, June 17.—That ex-President Roosevelt did not cut the wide swath the cable reports would lead one to suppose he did, is the statement of Mr. W. S. Weldon, manager of the Windsor Hotel, who is just back from an extensive European trip. Little or no attention, he says, was paid to him during his stay in Berlin, and in London he was completely eclipsed by the many notables who were in England to attend the late King Edward's funeral.

Mr. Weldon returns to Canada satisfied that this country has nothing to learn from the manner in which the hostilities of the Continent are conducted. Nowhere outside of Berlin did he see anything that could compare with the modern hotels of Canada.

The natural beauties of the show points of Europe do not compare with the wonders of Canada, said Mr. Weldon. Even Switzerland, so famous for its waterfalls and towering mountains, cannot begin to parallel the Canadian West in beauty. The rivers of the old continent cannot compare with the St. Lawrence in either attractiveness or as a trade course. Canadians, in Mr. Weldon's opinion, do not realize their wonderful heritage and no not boom their own land and its wonders sufficiently.

SUNDAY BAND CONCERT.

Weather permitting, the first open-air Sunday band concert of the summer will be given tomorrow afternoon at Wilmot Park by the Fredericton Brass Band.

DOWNPOUR OF RAIN.

Between 10.30 and 11 o'clock this morning a downpour of rain almost resembling a cloudburst, occurred. Everyone on the streets made for shelter for rain coats and umbrellas were little protection. Even for so rainy a season this fall of rain was remarkable.

MORE RAIN

There was a heavy down pour of rain here last night and this morning. The following reports from up-river points were received at noon:

Van Buren Me.—Rained some during night and still at it, not heavy.

Woodstock—Water at standstill; rained last night; still at it.

Grand Falls.—Rained some during night and today; not very heavy.

FIVE WEEKS WITH THE FRUIT GROWERS

A. G. Turney, Provincial Horticulturist returned ten days ago from a five weeks tour among the illustration orchards and fruit growers. The Government orchards at Andover, Stanley, Doaktown, Chatham, Teta gouche, Balmoral and Buctouche were visited and pruned and a number of trees replaced. New illustration orchards were set at Little Shemoie. Westmorland County and Plaster Rock. All the illustration orchards have been pruned with the exception of those at New Bandon Kingston, and upper Queensbury. Five hundred trees were planted and pruned on the farm of Philibert Depres, Cormierville, Kent Co. Five hundred trees belonging to Stanislas Cormier at Aboujajane, Westmorland County, were pruned and assistance in planting and pruning private orchards given in the counties of Kings, Victoria Carleton. The trees are in bloom exceptionally early this year and in some localities slight damage from frost is reported. As an instance of the early season the eggs of the tent caterpillar were reported hatched April 27th. This insect and the larva of the bud moth are increasing steadily from year to year and spraying will have to be more generally adopted if their ravages are to be checked.

NEW TELEGRAPH ACROSS CANADA

Pacific Cable Co. Will Have Direct and Exclusive Line From Montreal to New Zealand.

Ottawa, June 17.—The Pacific Cable Company will soon have a direct and exclusive line extending from New Zealand across the Pacific Ocean, and across Canada to Montreal, which was laid by Great Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The cable has been in operation for some years. In spite of the severe competition and landline difficulties, particularly in Australia, it has proved a financial success. There have been difficulties in Canada because messages have to be transferred to private telegraph companies, and they take their chance with other messages.

To overcome this the Company has arranged for an exclusive wire between Montreal and Bamfield Creek, on the Pacific. It is now being put up by the Canadian Pacific Telegraph Co. which will maintain the wire, but will lease it to the Pacific Cable Company for exclusive use. The line will be worked direct between Montreal and the Pacific, and a staff of expert English telegraphers are being brought out.

FROM ATLANTIC TO PACIFIC.

The leased line terminates at Montreal for the present because there it comes into contact with the extensive competitive telegraph and cable connection with Great Britain. It is believed however, that within a few years the company will continue its land wire from Montreal to the Atlantic coast, and will lay a cable across the Atlantic to Great Britain thus establishing a Government owned and controlled series of wires extending from Great Britain to New Zealand, taking in Canada and Australia.

It is said that the accumulating profits from the business will enable the company to either establish an Atlantic cable link, or duplicate its cable on the Pacific, and perhaps both.

SUPPLY OF CLERGY NOW ALMOST SUFFICIENT

Winnipeg, June 16.—At the Anglican Synod of Rupert's Land today, Archbishop Matheson, concerning the supply of clergy, said: "I am glad to be able to report that as a diocese we have at the present time approached more nearly than we have for many years past to the point when we can have a full complement of clergy. If we could obtain just now five additional men, I think we could say that all the parishes capable of maintaining ordained men would be supplied."

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