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THE PUBLIC EXPENDITURE.

No better evidence of the expansion and development of Canada is needed, than the great increase in the amount necessary to sustain the country's public services, and keep it well on the road to continued success and prosperity. In the early Confederation days the annual expenditure was a trifle over \$20,000,000. This year the amount is trebled, not because there is extravagance and waste, but in consequence of the new demands made on the treasury for useful and necessary public works.

The estimate for the current year foots up to \$60,008,540, but the amount includes some extraordinary or unforeseen expenditure which will not again find a place in the list. For instance the awards for Eastern Extension claims of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia amount to nearly \$1,000,000, the purchase of the plains of Abraham calls for \$80,000. Another \$100,000 is required to complete the census taking, a branch of the royal mint is to be established at an expenditure this year of \$70,000 and there is a large sum in the estimates for a new public building at Ottawa to accommodate some of the departments for the purposes of a national museum, etc., so that altogether the expenditure required this year is exceptional. The increase in the members' indemnity is a permanent affair, but the unanimity of opinion on the necessity for that expenditure renders it free from party criticism.

The country is growing rapidly and its annual expenditure must increase. The income however more than keeps pace, and Mr. Fielding is able each year to announce a handsome surplus, while the burden of taxation is not nearly so great as under Tory rule.

LOOKS LIKE THE END.

Correspondents at Pretoria take a hopeful view of the South African situation, and some of them declare that the end of the war is near. The first pinch of winter and the fact that a campaign in the bushveldt increases their own difficulties far more than those of the British, seem to prove to the Transvaal burghers the hopelessness of the struggle. For nearly two months their sole initiative has been confined to attempts at railway destruction by a few desperadoes. Voluntary capitulations continue in a stream daily, and now are spreading to the northern districts of the Orange River Colony. The correspondent asserts that if the results of Lord Kitchener's coming activity resemble those of the last month only a few hardied fanatics will remain in the field by the time Sir Alfred Milner returns to South Africa.

The despatches convey little information of the movements of Dewet, and it is believed that he has about reached the end of successful resistance.

Hon. C. A. Boutelle, who died in an insane asylum at Waverly, Mass., Tuesday, was a former proprietor of the Bangor Whig and Courier, and represented his district in Congress for many years. He served through the civil war and was a man of much ability and popularity. At the opening of the cantilever bridge at St John a few years ago, Mr. Boutelle was one of the leading speakers. He was then in his prime, and wielded a wide influence in state and national politics. His illness dates from 1899 when he was seized with a fit of unconsciousness which developed into permanent brain trouble and insanity.

THE TIDE HAS TURNED.

A Washington Correspondent writes that free homes being practically things of the past in the United States, except in the arid Regions, where irrigation is necessary for successful farming, the tide of immigration appears to have set northward into Canada, instead of into the United States. Last year 12,000 people went from the United States to Canada and established a permanent residence in the latter country. Officials estimate that perhaps 20,000 people will settle in Canada from the United States in 1901, and they incline to believe as well that this is but the beginning of a considerable movement which will last as long as Canada is able to give a free homestead of 160 acres of land to the head of a family. It has been stated that at least one million Canadians have gone to the United States, and this is probably an approximately correct estimate. This movement has come to an end, however, for the immigration reports of the United States show that the annual arrivals of home seekers from Canada have been less than 500 a year for the past five or six years.

Dr. McLeod attempts an explanation of the small attendance of seven outside delegates at the recent maritime province prohibition convention at Truro, by alleging that there was no general notice of the meeting. In reply Rev. Elwin Crowell, last year's president, writes to the Yarmouth Telegram that in Nova Scotia and P. E. Island for which he was responsible, notices were sent to almost all the city and country papers and to all deputies of county and other special organizations. It may also be added that notice of the conventions meeting was published in the New Brunswick papers, but Dr. McLeod was the only delegate from this province.

Some of the Tory papers are giving prominence to a report that when Mr. Alex Gibson, sr., was served with a subpoena to appear at the York election trial, he threw the accompanying fee of sixty cents into the Nashua. Supposing he did, might it not be out of disgust that Dr. McLeod in the distribution of his \$10,000 fees from the prohibition commission remembered his former benefactor with so insignificant a sum. Or perhaps Mr. Gibson had heard that Dr. McLeod had pocketed the \$10,000 and the money distributed with his subpoena was from a fund begged from door to door by Dr. McLeod's agents.

Sir Alfred Milner on his arrival in London will be consulted by Mr. Chamberlain with reference to the question of the future of the Boers prisoners. All available evidence points to the conclusion that the feeling of the men now in captivity is not much less hostile to this country than that of the men still in the field, and it may reasonably be concluded by the time the powers of resistance of the South African republics have collapsed the prisoners will number about 25,000. There will be a solid body, animated by disappointment and a desire for revenge.

A clergyman makes these reasonable observations: "No human being can get much good out of the sermon unless he can see the speaker's face, and study its expression. No sermon can inspire a man who is looking into a lopsided congregation of dead birds, stuffed weasles, chameleon skins, ribbons, j-sts, beads, stick straws, paper flowers, corn tassels and thistle down. It makes the sinner feel lost in his wilderness."

The friends of President McKinley are rejoicing with him over the rapid recovery of his wife, who for some days lay at death's door in San Francisco. The lady of the White House is now able to sit up and read the papers, and in a week will be removed to her old home at Canton, Ohio, for rest and recuperation.

Mr. Gourley, Tory M. P. for Colchester, N. S., wanted the sessional indemnity raised to \$4,000. He said that a member who was worth only \$1,000 should not be allowed to sit in the House.

Presbyterians, and indeed all well wishers of foreign missions will regret to learn that Rev. Dr. Mackay, who has effected so much towards the Christianizing of Formosa, is dying of an affection of the throat.

The attorney general is making good his promise to investigate the Colonel Hewitson case. At his instance the coroner's inquest has been set aside and a new and more thorough enquiry ordered.

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Second Waiter—Yes; he complained the other day because there were no pearls in his oysters.

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One Way of Saving.

Bachelor—So you're married, eh? I suppose your wife saves you a good deal of trouble?

Benedick—Well, she saves every little trouble that comes to her during the day so that she may bother me with it when I come home at night.

A Study From Nature.

Man's a little chunk of ice;
Woman is the sun; she lets
Herself beam on him. Ah, how nice
And soft he gets!

Had Something to Say.

"Pardon me," said the busy man to the insurance agent who had forced his way into his office, "but I'm not prepared to talk to you today."

"Don't let that worry you," replied the insurance agent, "I'll do all the talking."

The Important Thing.

"I am thinking," she said, "of writing a novel. How would you advise me to begin? Would it be better to have the plot all worked out before I start the story or let it develop as I go along?"

"Oh," he replied, "I wouldn't bother with minor details of that kind. First get a publisher who can sell 100,000 copies before you begin writing. The rest'll come easy."—Chicago Times-Herald.

The Place For Them.

McJigger—Of course Noah must have taken bees with him.

Thingumbob—Oh, certainly. McJigger—Just think how they must have stung the animals while they flew about.

Thingumbob—Oh, I guess Noah kept them shut up in the archives.—Philadelphia Press.

Vigilance.

"A man must have his eyes open all the time to succeed in politics," remarked the young man.

"He must," answered Senator Sorghum. "If he doesn't keep his eyes open on his own account, some one is pretty sure to open them for him."—Washington Star.

Made Over.

"Great Scott!" he exclaimed when he saw the bill. "Why, this is outrageous!"

"Oh, no, dear; it is very reasonable," she returned.

"But you told me," he said, "that you would be content with a made over gown."

"Well," she answered, "you said you made over \$1,000 in your last wheat deal, and I bought the gown on that made over basis."

And what could the poor man do?

A Realist.

"So you let your leading man go?"

"I had to," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes. "He was too realistic in his ideas."

"Interfered with your work on the stage?"

"No, not on the stage. In the box office. He wanted real money."—Washington Star.

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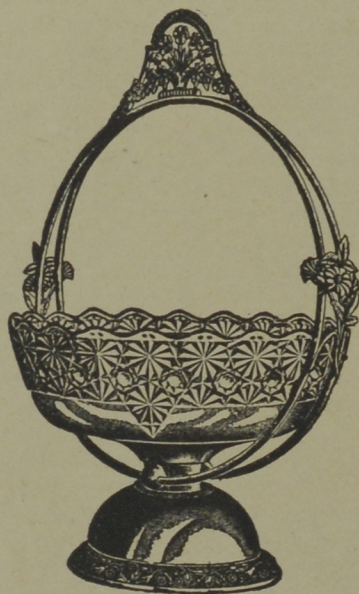
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