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THE DOMINION BUDGET.

Mr. Fielding gives Canada good news in his budget speech. The country is prospering as never before, the revenues are buoyant, and the government after liberally providing for the public services is able to announce a substantial reduction in the public debt. The surplus for the current year will reach \$13,300,000.

There is to be no general revision of the tariff, notwithstanding the campaign Mr. Tarte and the manufacturers made for an increase. The country is prospering under present conditions, and the government is content to let well enough alone. The difficulty with the manufacturers is to fill present orders, and Mr. Fielding thinks their interests will be best served by peopling the north-west, and thus extending the market for manufactured products.

Germany has discriminated against our exports since Canada gave Britain a preference, and Mr. Fielding purposes to get back at Germany by increasing the tariff on German goods, a policy which will strike the country as reasonable and just.

On reciprocity with the United States and the government assumes an independent and dignified attitude, refusing to go cap in hand to Washington for favors. Whenever our American friends have something to offer us we will listen to their propositions and give them fair consideration.

The budget speech as a whole is most satisfactory to Canada, and the opposition have a difficult job on their hands to successfully criticize and arraign the government's policy and administration.

IN A CRITICAL CONDITION.

The British Columbia government, led by Col. Prior, who was a member of the federal cabinet when it was defeated in the elections of 1896, is evidently in a bad way. In a want of confidence motion the ministry was saved by the casting vote of the speaker. The government was fiercely assailed by Hon. Joe Martin, and it looks as if it might see its finish before the close of the present session. It is a coalition ministry with the Conservatives predominating. In a new election the prospects are that the parties will divide on Dominion lines.

The government has been in a precarious condition for two or three years, and only the divisions in the opposition have saved it from defeat.

Mr. Blair made a statement in Parliament Wednesday relative to the disastrous collision on the I. C. R. near Windsor Junction. He said he had a report from the officials, and intimated that Engineer Copeland, responsible for the smash-up, had remarked that he "must have lost his senses." There are also reports that the engineer was intoxicated, but there is no evidence as yet to substantiate the rumor.

Lost His Home.

At Hawkebay on Sunday, April 6th, the residence of Enoch Bragdon was totally destroyed by fire. Mr. Bragdon, who works on the night shift at the tannery, was asleep in his bed, and his wife and daughter were just driving away from the house when they saw the flames burst out through the roof. If they had not awakened Mr. Bragdon it is thought he would have been burned to death. The loss was \$900.00 with no insurance.

Mrs. A. Douglas Wetmore of Truro, N. S., who was a guest at Postmaster Hilyard's left for home this morning.

Remember the Old Maids' Convention, -d.

COMMITTEE WORK.

Morris Scovil Heard in Regard to the Proposed Stock Farm.

MATTER DISCUSSED BY AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE OF HOUSE.

A Rather Interesting Session of Public Accounts Committee.

The agricultural committee of the legislature met this morning and discussed a proposition from Morris Scovil and T. Sherman Peters of Gagetown, who ask government aid for a stock farm which they purpose establishing near Gagetown on the St. John river.

Mr. Scovil explained the proposition at considerable length to the committee. He stated that he and others were forming a joint stock company with a proposed capital stock of \$50,000 to acquire the Scovil farm and engage in the breeding and raising of pure breed shorthorn stock. They ask that the local government bonus the enterprise to the extent of \$2,000 a year for a period of ten years, and in consideration of such assistance they promise to deliver to the government ten shorthorn bulls per year, or one hundred in all. The company proposed importing the cattle from the old country and will deal in nothing except the very best stock. Mr. Scovil hoped the committee would heartily endorse the proposition.

T. A. Peters, deputy commissioner for agriculture, being invited by the committee to express his views, stated that the demand for pure bred stock was increasing in the province, and he had no doubt that Mr. Scovil's scheme was a good one. The only question to be considered in connection with it was whether or not, if the assistance asked for was granted, it would not be establishing a precedent, while others engaged in stock raising would not be slow to take advantage of.

A George Blair, jr, solicitor for the company, briefly addressed the committee strongly urging that they endorse the proposition.

Mr. Carpenter believed that Mr. Scovil's proposition was a good one, and should be favorably considered by the government. He moved a resolution approving of the proposal, which was seconded by Mr. Scovil, M. P. P.

Mr. Burden said he was in favor of any movement likely to benefit the agricultural interests of the province. In regard to Mr. Scovil's proposition it could be remembered by the committee that the farm was located at a point only accessible by water for a portion of the year.

Mr. Fleming believed it was very desirable that steps should be taken to improve the stock of the province, especially in the direction of shorthorns.

In reply to Mr. Burgess, it was stated that the shorthorns lately sold at Woodstock by the C. P. R., brought an average price of \$103 each.

In view of this Mr. Burgess, did not see why the government, should be asked to pay \$200 each for them.

Mr. Carpenter had attended the sale at Woodstock, and he contended that the animals brought all they were worth. He regarded Mr. Scovil's scheme worthy of careful consideration.

Mr. Scovil said the company only intended to handle the very best kind of stock, and such animals were worth in the old country from £100 to £150 each. He regarded the stock sold at Woodstock last week as nothing more than culls. The fact that the upset price was fixed at \$75 was proof of this.

Mr. Campbell suggested that as the matter was of considerable importance, the committee should not be in too great haste in disposing of it.

Hon. Mr. LaBillois thought that the matter should stand until the commissioner of agriculture could be present. He made a motion to this effect which was adopted, and the committee adjourned to meet again at the call of the chair.

Public Accounts.

The public accounts committee met this morning with all the members in attendance, and got through with considerable work. Messrs. Smith and Morrison represent the opposition on the committee, and being new members and inexperienced in their work, are inclined to spend a good deal of time over matters

of a trivial nature. Up to the present Chairman Osman has treated them in the most indulgent manner; there has been no disposition on the part of the government majority on the committee to limit the scope of the investigation and the best of good feeling has prevailed.

At this morning's session of the committee, some accounts in connection with criminal prosecutions were examined into, and Messrs. Smith and Morrison, with the assistance of R. B. Hanson, an attorney of six months standing who knew it all, were able to ask quite a lot of questions.

Mr. Morrison wanted some information in regard to the receipts of territorial revenue, and was given to understand by the deputy surveyor general that the information would be found in the blue book issued by the crown land department.

There was some discussion over accounts of the St. John Sun, Globe and Telegraph for advertising done in connection with the Doherty and Oulton murders. The Globe was paid \$4.50 for advertising the reward in the Doherty case, the Sun and Star were paid \$6 each for the same service, while the Telegraph got \$20 for advertising the reward offered in the Oulton case. The voucher showed on its face that the Telegraph ad ran two months and the other only a few days.

SIR OLIVER'S CONDITION.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Toronto, April 17.—Sir Oliver Mowatt rallied slightly at 10 o'clock and a slight change for the better in his condition is since noted. He is still in grave danger, however.

GAMEY ENQUIRY.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Toronto, April, 17.—Nothing of importance, developed in the Gamey case today. Arthur King, the third of the listeners in the piano factory told his story.

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AUCTION SALE

Friday, April 17th, at the residence of Mrs. W. J. Wallace, Westmorland Street.

I am instructed to sell by Public Auction the household effects of Mrs. W. J. Wallace, Westmorland St., commencing Friday morning, April 17th, at 10 o'clock. Kitchen Utensils, Furniture of all kinds, including Walnut Secretary and Upright Piano with mahogany case, in perfect order. Piano to be sold at 2 o'clock. Terms cash.

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April 13.

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APRIL 16th.

News for the Ladies.

We have opened this week—

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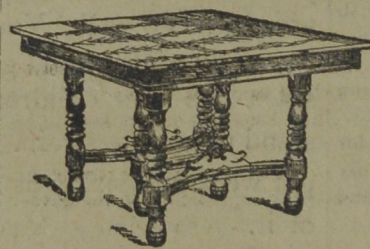
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