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THE BUDGET DEBATE.

Mr Hazen's speech in the budget debate was a record breaker as far as time is concerned, but he presented little that was new. It was largely a repetition of his address at Kingston during the Kings county election, and has already been answered by the premier. Mr. Hazen spent much of his time in discussing the salaries and travelling expenses of the members of the government, petty issues which might be dealt with by a back bench member of the party, but scarcely worthy the attention of the leader. Everybody knows that the members of the New Brunswick government are the most poorly paid of any ministers in Canada except those of the little province of Prince Edward Island. While the Premier of Nova Scotia draws a salary of \$4,000, Mr. Tweedie receives only \$2,100 and other ministers in the neighboring province receive \$3,600, while three of ours are paid only \$1,700. If Mr. Hazen ever gets into power he should see that the New Brunswick salaries are raised to a decent figure.

The opposition leader also paid much attention to the attorney general's receipts from provincial sources other than his salary, and sought to create the impression that Dr. Pugsley was drawing money which he had not honestly earned, but when the latter gentleman dissected Mr. Hazen's statements it was readily seen that opposition charges in this as in other respects, were unfounded.

It was extremely bad taste for the opposition leader to attempt to drag religious issues into the debate, and the attorney general's reproof was well spoken and commanded the applause of the House.

It is semi-officially reported from Ottawa that the Dominion government has offered another contingent of 2,000 men, the largest yet recruited in Canada, for service in South Africa. The force will consist almost entirely of mounted infantry.

The Beaubien federal bye-election takes place tomorrow and considerable interest attaches to the result. The candidates are Loy, Liberal, and Bergeron, Conservative.

HEAVY FIRING AT OTTAWA.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, March 24.—A change has come over Parliament. For weeks past there has been nothing more exciting than an occasional and desultory skirmish; but last week we have had a general engagement with heavy firing from both sides. This has had the effect of filling up the galleries and bringing the members from their working quarters in various parts of the Commons building into the chamber. The champions on each side have stepped forth in their armor, and all week the Commons has been ringing with cheers and counter cheers. It has been an interesting battle.

The budget was delivered on Monday, and this was the signal for the opening of hostilities. Mr. Fielding did not speak longer than an hour and a half; but in that time he said enough to cheer the hearts of those on the Government side and the hearts of all those who are concerned in the progress and prosperity of the country. He remarked at the outset that, when speaking last year on a similar occasion, he had expressed the opinion that the Dominion had about reached the crest of the wave of business activity. He had not then anticipated depression; but had merely suggested that a check might be looked for in the continued advancement of the country by the leaps and bounds which had marked preceding years.

His fears had not, however, been realized. The business of the country during the past year had been most satis-

factory. In every branch of industry there had been most gratifying prosperity, while in the paramount industry of agriculture, which he regarded as the very foundation of the country's resources, the transportation facilities had been overtaxed in order to carry away the fruits of the harvest. The only disappointment of the year had been the results of the census, and while these were unsatisfactory they were not discouraging.

The revenue for 1901 had reached the unprecedented figure of \$52,514,701. This had been brought about by an increase from all the sources of income, the leading item being \$450,190 from excise. The next largest item of increase was in receipts from the Intercolonial, the figures being \$439,219. The Post office had yielded \$235,969 more than the preceding year, and notwithstanding the reduction in postage the income from the sale of stamps is already greater than it was before the change. Such a result affords strong testimony of the happy conditions which prevail throughout the country.

The expenditure on consolidated fund was \$46,866,367, or an increase of \$3,891,038 over 1900. There was thus a surplus for the year of \$5,800,000. The capital expenditure had, however, been exceptionally large during the year, so that the net result had been to increase the public debt by nearly \$6,000,000. This was really the 1st large increase during the Liberal regime, but when measured against the record for the Conservative period it was not a thing to occasion alarm. During 13 years the Tories increased the debt by an average of \$6,563,075, while for the six years of Liberal rule the average annual increase will fall far below \$3,000,000. This ought to be regarded by every reasonable man as an exceedingly satisfactory result.

Mr. Fielding gave many statistical proofs of the abounding prosperity of the Dominion during the past year. Our total trade had increased by \$5,385,921, chiefly in exports. As compared with 1900 the deposits of the people in the chartered banks had increased \$8,518,713 while in the savings banks \$4,597,860 had been added to the total sum on deposit. The circulation of Dominion bank notes showed an excess over the previous year of \$5,118,621, while, as a further proof of commercial expansion, the tons of freight carried over the railway had increased during the year by 1,053,188.

The Minister of Finance announced that there would not be any changes in the tariff this session. He did not claim that it was a perfect tariff; but it had proved very successful. Any one comparing the conditions today with those which prevailed under the period of the National Policy would be bound to admit that the changes made in 1897 had been vindicated by results. It was important there should be a reasonable measure of tariff stability. Nothing would be more likely to unsettle business than to begin tinkering with the tariff, and hence the government had resisted applications for many small changes. Adjustments might take place later as necessity arose.

The reply of the leader of the Opposition was moderate and as effective as possible from the standpoint of the Conservatives. It was quite to be expected that he would enlarge upon the expenditure during recent years, and point to the increases as evidence of broken faith on the part of Liberals. That matter has, however, been so often discussed, and the judgment of the people at large has been so frequently expressed in relation to it, that it is not worth while to go into the subject just now. Suffice it to say, that Mr. Borden presented the case in the thoroughly one-sided way that is usual with Conservatives and their press.

An Invitation.

A good story is told of an elder in an English church who on one occasion had to take the pulpit in the absence of the minister at the last moment. He got through the first part of the service all right, but on getting up to give the sermon he found his difficulty then. He started with, "Brethren [pause]—b-b-brethren [pause]—b-b-brethren, if any of you wants the conceit taken out of you come up here."

A Bluff That Wins.

An attack of hysteria simulating unconsciousness in a woman may be stopped, says Modern Medicine, "by the surgeon taking a pair of scissors and regretfully announcing that he will have to cut all the patient's hair off in order to make the application to her head. It is doubtful whether this bluff has even been known to fail."

Many From One.

Tess—So you're really engaged?
Jess—Yes, and to think I should do it after rejecting nearly 50 proposals.
Tess—Fifty? Well, well, what a persistent young man he must be.

A Hopeless Case.

Winks—Jinks never sees the point of a joke.
Blinks—No; he is usually the butt of it.—New York Herald.

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Sir Alexander E. Miller, in his article in the London Monthly Review on the official recognition of the dialect of the Dutch language spoken by the Boers, refers to Canada. He does not doubt "that the remarkable subsidence of disaffection which, within the memory of men still living, was a source of serious anxiety in this country, is greatly due to the equality of treatment granted to the French-speaking population in the matter of their language. Those who recollect the discussions which took place at the time when the federation was in contemplation will have no difficulty in accepting this view."

In another part of the article the writer says: "When a man comes to feel he is only wasting his time and energy in speaking ten thousand words in an unknown tongue he will not continue the practice, unless it is made a point of honor with him to do so by way of protest against a revolution which he feels to be oppressive."

Oh, We Are Lovely People.

It is a healthy sign that the Canadians should be specially indignant that some trade frauds perpetrated in their country should have been directed against the English consumer. They seem to regard this fact as most seriously adding to the offence, and the Dominion inspectors are specially praised for having discovered and stopped it. The matter was not a very serious one, being only a question of the quality of certain apples, but it is impossible to help feeling some gratification at the determination of our Canadian brethren that not even in so small a thing shall the Mother Country be defrauded.—London Globe.

The Three Meal Habit.

Our three meal habit is a fearful tax on our working capacity. It trebles the temptation to overeating. Our champions stagger under the weight of a physiological handicap. One-half the functional energy of the system is diverted by the exigencies of digestion. No other hygienic mistake has done so much to make us a generation of dyspeptics as the custom of after dinner work. Its victims, moreover, incur the risk of contracting that form of moral dyspepsia called pessimism. It tends to rob the working day of its reward.—Dr. F. L. Oswald in Success.

Her Sorrow.

She—Harry, you said something last evening that made me feel so bad.
He—What was it, dearest?
She—You said I was one of the sweetest girls in all the world.
He—And aren't you, darling?
She—You said "one of the sweetest."
Oh, Harry, to think I should live to know that I have to share your love with another!

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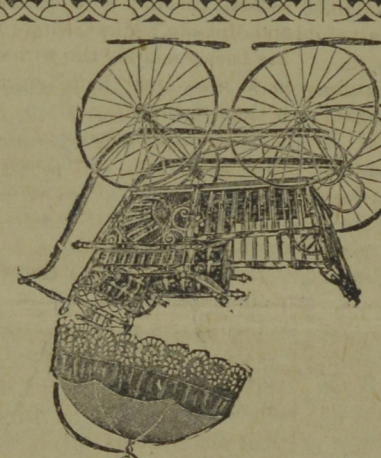
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