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THE LOCAL BUDGET SPEECH.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie in the legislature, was able to give a very pleasant and inspiring account of the financial operations carried on by the government during the past year. While the administration does not claim infallibility, it can be justly said that it has exercised a judicious and careful supervision over the business of the year, and while extending to the various public services a generous financial support, the government has exercised economy wherever possible, without dropping into parsimony.

The actual yield of revenue surpassed Premier Tweedie's estimate of last session, especially in the returns from the crown land department, and while there were unexpected expenditures, such as that called for by the floods, the royal and vice-regal visits, the provincial finances are in a healthy condition, and the promise for the current year is favorable.

Mr. Tweedie was able to dwell with justifiable pride on the great success of the government's agricultural policy, on the success of the lumbering industry which has been greatly assisted by the long lease plan with respect to timber limits, and to point with satisfaction to the results likely to be obtained from the development of our mineral resources. While agriculture and lumbering have been our most important industries, there is reason for believing that New Brunswick's mineral development will yet yield important results to the people, and to the province as a revenue producer. It was to this end that the important legislation of last year was introduced by the government, and the operations of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company in the very near future will result in vast benefit to this province.

The public debt which is always held up as a scarecrow by the opposition, is the result of the demands of the people. They wanted railways, permanent bridges, new and better highways, improved educational facilities etc., and they were willing to pay for these increased privileges. It is the legislature—the people themselves—who create the legislature and give the members the mandate, who are responsible for the public debt, which after all, is small when compared with the assets of the province. Mr. Tweedie and his government cannot be held responsible for the railway subsidy bill of 1882 which created a large proportion of the public debt, but which resulted in opening up isolated portions of the province by means of railway communication.

The premier's address showed most accurate and detailed information of his office, and breathed a spirit of hope entirely justifiable by the conditions under which he spoke. The government has administered the affairs of the province wisely, prudently, economically, and has had an intelligent eye for the progress and development of our resources, and the

courage and enterprise to embark in a policy from which good results have already flowed, and which promises even greater attainment in the future.

HAD THE OLD RING.

Hon. A. G. Blair who has been persistently reported by Conservative newspapers as broken down in health, and likely to retire from public life, is evidently back to his old form, judging by the vigor which he imparted to his speech in Parliament in resisting the opposition attempt to go fishing into the I. C. R. affairs with Mr. Peter Archibald as bait. The other day in the public accounts committee opposition members made a demand that Mr. Archibald be called to testify regarding railway matters. Mr. Archibald has not been connected with the road for nearly six years, and can know nothing first hand regarding its inside management. But Mr. Archibald is a sorehead, a man who was dismissed for political partisanship, he has his knife deep into Mr. Blair and the government, and was willing to furnish the accounts committee with all the stray gossip he may have picked up with respect to I. C. R. affairs. The opposition members made no effort to have summoned the railway officials, with the exception of Mr. Pottinger, but they wanted Mr. Archibald. The same desire was apparent in this city during the bridge investigation. It was whispered in behalf of Mr. Hazen and Dr. Stockton what damaging disclosures Mr. Archibald would be able to make. He had been measuring bridges by moonlight, computing strains and weighing superstructures, and his evidence would be invaluable, but when the point was reached where Mr. Archibald's evidence was to be offered, Mr. Hazen declined to called him, the ex-chief engineer of the I. C. R. was off to Moncton, and the committee and the country lost his alleged valuable testimony.

At Ottawa the majority of the accounts committee concluded that Mr. Archibald's I. C. R. gossip was not necessary at the present stage, they refused to call him. Mr. Bell Tory member for Pictou brought the matter up in the House Wednesday, and a vigorous debate followed. Mr. Bell wanted the accounts committee instructed to summon Mr. Archibald, but Mr. Blair, Mr. Fielding and Sir Wilfrid Laurier conclusively showed that the opposition was merely fishing for evidence, they had run aground in their effort to convict the Minister of Railways and his officials of mismanagement, and they wanted Mr. Archibald to pilot them into the right channel. The House agreed with the ministers and voted Mr. Bell's motion down by a majority of forty-four.

Mr. Blair's numerous friends all over Canada, entirely apart from their admiration of the justice of the Minister's position in the matter, will rejoice that he is once more able to take a part in the debates of the House, and to add his experience, his wisdom, his ability, his eloquence, and his mental vigor to the defence of the government of which he is easily one of the leaders.

Trip to the North Pole.

Hon. C. W. Robinson will preside at Capt. Bernier's lecture this evening in the opera house. The captain has with him a hundred and twenty polar views, representing Arctic scenery and attempts to reach the pole. They will be thrown on canvas by lime light under the management of Harry White. The lecture is given for the benefit of the cause and all are cordially invited to attend. Admission free.

THE CHILD ETERNAL.

I heard their prayers and kissed their sleepy eyes
And tucked them all in warm from feet to head
To wake again with morning's glad sunrise—
Then came where he lay dead.
On cold, still mouth I laid my lips, asleep
He lay, to wake the other side God's door,
My other children mine to love and keep
But this one mine no more.

These other children long to men have grown—
Strange, hurried men, who give me passing thought,
Then go their ways. No longer now my own.
Without me they have wrought,
So when night comes, and seeking mother's knee,
Tired childish feet turn home at evening tide,
I fold him close—the child that's left to me,
My little lad who died.
—Irene Fowler Brown.

PRETTY ROUGH TALK.

Nationalist M. P. Suspended for Insulting Chamberlain.

EVIDENCE OF A STEAMSHIP WRECK ON NOVA SCOTIA COAST.

A Murderer to Swing Tomorrow

UNPARLIAMENTARY.
(Special to Daily Herald.)

London, March 20.—John Dallen, Nationalist, was suspended from the House of Commons for calling Mr. Chamberlain "a damned liar."

RHODES' CONDITION.
(Special to Daily Herald.)

Cape Town, March 20.—Cecil Rhodes had a sleep this forenoon. His physicians have promised that if possible he shall sail for England next week, but Dr. Jameson does not consider this will be possible.

A BOER SYMPATHIZER.
(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Guelph, Ont., March 20.—Dr. Clark, ex M. P., of London, England, formerly consul in South Africa, is here. Dr. Clark, who is pro-Boer, dined with the Boer envoys at Chicago recently. He believes the war will continue for some time yet.

WILL HANG TOMORROW.
(Special to the Herald.)

Hull, Quebec, March 20.—Lacroix, who will be executed tomorrow morning, took dinner with his young son today. This will probably be his last meal. He is holding up well. Radcliffe, the hangman, excites interest. He boasts that he never bungled a job and this one will be successful.

THE MEDICAL BILL.
(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Ottawa, March 20.—Dr. Roddick's bill to provide for a medical council for all Canada, was considered by a select committee this morning. One clause of the bill which, according to Hon. Mr. Fisher, looks as though it might interfere with the autonomy of the provinces was laid over for future consideration.

SIGNS OF A WRECK.
(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Halifax, March 20.—A message from Barrington says wreckage from some steamer, pieces of rails, what looks like a door panel drifted ashore, also small parcels with no name were found. Fishermen say they heard the whistle of a steamer off there Monday night last in the direction of Savage rocks. The sea has been very rough since, but as soon as the weather moderates a search will be made for the ill fated craft.

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