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## THE BUDGET

There are no very striking features in the budget submitted by Finance Minister Fielding yesterday. In general it is a favorable statement. The country is growing, and large expenditures must be looked for. The surplus is not nearly so large as last year's, and there is some increase in the public debt. Mr. Fielding does not anticipate much increase in revenue for a time, which, of course, gives force to Mr. Foster's comment that a careful eye should be kept on the expenditure. The slight tariff changes made are in favor of protection, which is naturally hailed with satisfaction by the conservatives, who are able to recall former professions made by liberal statesmen. There is, however, to be a tariff commission, and next session is expected to see a revision. It may be safely predicted that the principle of protection will not be abandoned, whatever re-adjustments changed conditions may suggest.

A notable feature in connection with this year's budget, and one which marks a change in the right direction, is the brevity of the debate. The members and the country are not to be treated to scrap-book speeches by an unlimited number of members of the house.

Mr. Fielding has expressed sympathy with the claim that the preference should only apply to goods imported through Canadian ports, but stated in reply to Dr. Daniel that there were reasons which made the rule impracticable at the present time, although he hopes to see it eventually adopted.

The statement that there will probably be a smaller surplus next year will no doubt operate as a cheque to the adoption of a lower tariff. A continued large surplus would naturally suggest tariff modification, but the surplus has largely declined and there will doubtless be a further decline next year, when it may be hoped the revenue and expenditure will more nearly balance.

The Liberal finance minister has been fortunate. Ever since his party came into power times have been good. He has had an abundant revenue. During the past year, however, there came a halt in the upward tendency, and the people began to wonder if the top wave had not been reached, for a time at least, and if there would not be a period of depression. But Canada is growing in the west at a rapid rate, and that is a great fact to be taken into consideration. If the splendid crops now predicted should be harvested, money will be plentiful.

With regard to the question of expenditure, it will readily be conceded that economy should be practised, and the state of the revenue borne in mind. This view of the case was forcibly set forth by Mr. Foster. When times are good, however, the task of the financial critic is a somewhat thankless one, and that is the misfortune of the opposition critics this year as it was last.

## MANUAL TRAINING

More than thirty students have registered for the summer course in manual training at the provincial Normal School at Fredericton. They come from various parts of the province, showing that there is a wide-spread and growing interest in the importance of this work as a part of the educational course in New Brunswick. A number of the students are from St. John. The interviews which the Times has published during the past week have aroused much interest in the subject, and this will be further increased by the interesting statement made by Dr. Bridges, superintendent of the city schools, in today's issue. Dr. Bridges is a staunch defender of the classics, but he also recognizes the value of manual training. Further expressions of opinion will be cordially welcomed, and will be sought by this paper, which believes that there should be no further delay in affording for the rising generation in this city educational facilities at least as good as are offered in the small towns of the province.

## A WISE MOVE

The railway companies who are taking the Washington correspondents of leading American papers over the west are doing a good work for Canada. One of these journalists, in an interview in Calgary, said:

"This trip will do much more for the newspaper men in the city of Washington than you can imagine. To most of us this great Canadian west has been a sealed book. We have now been travelling through it for more than a week and everywhere we have found a hospitality that is unbounded and an aggressive intelligence among your people, new and old, that is a sure precursor of success. You are indeed, empire-builders in this new country, and I believe that you will attain vast proportions, both as to wealth and population, much more quickly than these things were attained in the Missippi valley of the United States. You are able to profit by our mistakes of colonization and to bring into the work of pioneering, men of the highest character and intelligence. More than this, your pioneering, unlike our own, is being done in the day of railroads and unlimited individual and national wealth and modern agricultural machinery. These and numerous other modern advantages, which lighten and simplify work on the frontier, are yours and you are using them freely. They will help you conquer the wilderness in a comparatively few years. I am one of those who believe in a great Canada and this belief has been tremenduously strengthened since I have been permitted to visit your country and see what your people are doing."

## STEALING PUBLIC LANDS

Exposure of land-grabbing frauds in the state of Oregon has led to the conviction of Senator Mitchell and the indictment of both representatives of the state in the federal house. It was proved that Mitchell, as a senator of the United States received money to "expedite" the action of the interior department in issuing land patents. This is an offence specifically forbidden by the United States statutes, which impose penalties on what is really the sale of senatorial influence. It was shown, says the Boston Transcdipt, that he was the paid attorney in the senate and before the interior department of parties who were actively engaged in gigantic frauds on the public lands, and of whose character and designs he cannot have been ignorant. The trial, though it was on the specific charge mentioned, opened up to a considerable extent in the testimony given the scope of the great swindle of which he was one of the agents.

One of the representatives from the state, Mr. Hermann, who is under indictment, is accused of using his position when commissioner of public lands to facilitate frauds in which he had a direct personal interest, and another representative, Williamson, is charged with being in "the Oregon end" of the conspiracy. Thus three fourths of the state's representation in congress is under indictment or conviction. It is not surprising that one journal says:

"Only complete atrophy of the moral sense and acuteness of the pocket nerve can explain at once the greediness and the clumsiness of this band of land stealers in the northwest. Once a secretary of the interior with a determination to be more than a passive influence for good got after them, their exposure was comparatively easy. Secretary Hitchcock has hit hard, and delved deep, and the department of justice has earnestly seconded him. Other convictions should follow. Mitchell is officially more conspicuous than the other offenders, but morally no worse."

The experience of Oregon is the experience of California and other states, if we may credit half what is charged by leading American journals. The grafters saw in the public lands of the great west a great opportunity to steal on a gigantic scale. To do so it was necessary to bribe members of congress and legislatures, or make them silent partners in the grab. In this the rascals appear to have been very successful.

The illustration is useful. Canada has a large public domain. Care must be taken that it is not exploited for the special benefit of the grafters.

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The rebel warship Kniaz Potemkine has become a pirate craft. She has overhauled a British collier in the Black Sea and helped herself to coal. It may be expected that something will drop. There is a humorous aspect to the situation. Russia has a fleet in the Black Sea, but is unable to protect its commerce from the ravages of a single craft, manned by mutineers. Comic opera should not lose this delightful contribution.

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A Rosthern letter to the Winnipeg Telegram says: "C. H. Gloeckler sold his farm of 800 acres for $15,000 to a party from Ontario, who takes immediate possession of the same. Mr. Gloeckler will remove at once to another farm that he has in the district. Evidently it pays to improve farms in this district, as Mr. Gloeckler bought this a few years ago at $3 an acre."

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Naval Architect MacLean appears to have kept his word, despite the doubts of one or two aldermen. The new ferry steamer is afloat, her machinery is said to work well, and nothing has marred the proceedings up to this point. The new boat is practically ready for the route. When will the route be ready for the boat?

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The Saturday half-holiday will be more generally observed in this city tomorrow than on any previous Saturday this summer. With fine weather there will be a rare opportunity for many people to enjoy an outing, of which many delightful ones are offered.

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If the new factory inspector for the province is only to receive $600 per year it must be the intention to appoint a man who cannot earn more than that amount in any other way. Will such a man be a capable inspector?

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Japan is to effect a new loan of $150,000,000. The task will not be difficult. Japan's credit has improved somewhat of late, thanks to "the illustrious virtues of the Mikado."

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Halifax continues to give evidence of the thoroughness of its "forward movement." It has decided to grant $10,000 towards the Dominion Exhibition in that city in 1906.

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The American people are making a notable demonstration over the remains of that distinguished Scotchman who died in the service of France, Admiral Paul Jones.

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After today's military operations near Sussex, either the reds or whites will have the blues.

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"If I should kiss you would you scream?" "There are some problems that every man has to solve for himself—by experience or otherwise."—Cleveland Leader.


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## DR. BRIDGES STRONGLY FAVORS THE ADOPTION OF MANUAL TRAINING

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proud possessor of a smattering of science has to get rid of his false conceit of knowledge and start afresh; that the adept in colloquial French is a nuisance to his employer, and a subject of perplexity to the intelligent foreigner.

Dr. McCosh of Princeton University long ago pointed out the danger of going to extremes in the matter of a practical education in the following words: "The true business of the school and college is to teach principles that admit of all sorts of practical application. The youth thus trained will start life in far better circumstances than those who have learned only the details of their craft, which are best learned in offices, stores, and factories, and he will commonly outstrip them in the rivalries of life. He will be able to advance, when others are obliged to stop."

The last remark of Dr. McCosh is one of supreme importance. When others were obliged to stop, the well educated man went on improving his mind all his life. He was building not for the moment, but for all time.

In what I have written in this paper, my purpose has not been to decry all new methods and new ideas, but to direct your attention as teachers to what was undoubtedly good in older educational methods, and at the same time to lay emphasis on the fact that it is dangerous to go to extremes in all things, but particularly in the matter of education. It is easy enough to make out a case for the inclusion in a school curriculum of almost anything that is not immoral, from the study of Shakespeare's plays to the manipulation of a gas engine; and well meaning persons will always be found to push the claims of their hobbies to extremes. Sloyd, nature study, bookkeeping, shorthand, physiology, school gardens, domestic science, these and many more are in turn held out as the one thing needful. Amid the confusion caused by this perplexing array of subjects, we must never lose sight of what is after all the fundamental issue in education—how to fill the short and precious years of school life so that pupils may have an effective preparation for the activities of adult life without being at the same time deprived of that general culture, the educational value of which is inestimable. A man's education must not be limited to mere manipulative skill; he must also obtain from school that impulse to self-culture which is a sure safe-guard against that dangerous mental vacuity, which finds relief in vulgar pleasures, and is the fruitful source of vice and crime.

### Not Quite to the Point

Editor of the Times.

Sir:—I was greatly edified by the wise opinions of a number of our most enterprising business men concerning public school education, which have been collected and set forth in yesterday's Times. My sympathy goes out especially to those of them who, having engaged some of our high school graduates for shop boys, discovered that the latter "could not address a parcel decently, and that they were in general "not as quick in arithmetic as they might be."

In order to show you, sir, my deep sympathy with this movement for the introduction into our public school education of "something that will fit our boys for entering upon a trade career" (such as would make them "quick-firing" parcel addressers and lightning calculators"), I will add to your list of yesterday a number of gentlemen having a world-wide reputation, who have expressed exactly the same opinions. They are: Messrs. Ralph Nickleby, Scrooge, Anthony Chuzzlewit, Alderman Cute, and lastly but chiefly, Mr. Gradgrind. In order to show your readers how strongly Mr. Gradgrind feels on the subject. I will give you the very words uttered by him on the occasion of his visiting a modern school room:

"Now, what I want is facts. Teach these boys and girls nothing but facts. Facts alone are wanted in life. Plant nothing else and root out everything else. You can only form the minds of reasoning animals upon facts; nothing else will ever be of any service to them. This is the principle on which I bring up my own children. Stick to facts, sir!"

Any one of our business men wishing to make further acquaintance with these gentlemen for the purpose of mutual co-operation, may find them easily in Hard Times, Martin Chuzzlewit, etc.

Having contributed my mite toward the "Practical Education Movement."

I remain,

Yours very respectfully,

SAMUEL RABINOWITZ.

St. John, N. B., July 7, 1905.

## GEORGE JOHNSON'S STORY

(Hamilton Times.)

George Johnson, Ottawa, is responsible for this story of a somewhat amusing error said to have been made by a Chatham painter in deciphering copy for mottoes for a political meeting. The writer did not see the motto in question, although he was at the gathering. Probably Mr. Johnson gave the committee the tip to have it taken down before the gathering:

I was with Sir John Macdonald on his tour in 1886 through Western Ontario. The great leader, with Sir William Meredith, was billed to speak in Chatham in the theatre. I went into the building in the afternoon to see the decorations and the mottoes. One of the latter on the wall in large letters caught my eye. It referred to Mr. Meredith and read, "Our nobby Irish Comedian." On looking at the paper-writing from which the artist had copied, I found that the sentence certainly did look like that. A little effort ennabled me to decipher the hieroglyphics. The motto really was: "Meredith, our noble Irish Canadian."


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While Miss Maud Frank was getting into a row boat yesterday at Bridgewater N. S. she made a mis-step, and she and a lady companion were precipitated into the water. Miss Frank was drowned, and her companion rescued.

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The Sufferer—Wow! I'm going to a dentist and have this tooth out.

Christian Scientist—Your tooth doesn't ache. You only imagine it does.

The Sufferer—Then I'll have the dentist extract my imagination.—Chicago Journal.

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