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The Canadian Post. LINDSAY, FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1895. CANADA'S FINANCIAL POSITION.

The statement of revenue and expenditure published in the Canada Gazette of Saturday last, covering the financial transactions of the government for the 10 months ending the 30th April, does not justify the hope expressed by Mr. Foster in his budget speech that the deficit would be kept down to \$4,500,000. The revenue collected for the 10 months was \$27,549,599, against \$30,288,384 for the same months of the previous year, a decline of \$2,838,785. If the same ratio is preserved for the next two months the revenue for the current fiscal year will be \$32,939,508, against \$36,574,693. The expenditure for the ten months of the current fiscal year up to the 30th April was \$26,220,793, against \$25,515,390 for the same period of last year. At this rate for the next two months the expenditure for the year would be \$34,405,600 greater than it was last year, or \$38,431,520 altogether. These figures would give the following result: -

EDITORIAL NOTES. The government supporters erroneously point to accumulated savings in the post office banks as a sign of great national prosperity. The withdrawals during the month of April exceeded the deposits by some \$125,000. It may be asked what, according to the rule of interpretation, this would indicate.

Hamilton Times: According to the report of the minister of the interior, the number of homesteads entered in the whole Dominion North-west in the year 1894 was 3,174, a decrease of 716 homesteads and 2,151 settlers from the figures of the preceding year. And of these homesteads 816 were taken by Canadians and 471 by persons having previous entries. Those people who talk about the "thousands who are rushing into the North-west" ought to help to get the N. P. bars removed and give the settlers a chance.

In spite of the fact that Canadian apologists for the policy of restriction borrowed from the States picture the condition of the British masses as wretched and hopeless, in the four years 1890-4, during which we have been adding new tax burdens and increasing our national debt, while thousands have found it hard to earn a living, Britain has paid her way, added greatly to her fleet and army, extended her trade, and her people's savings bank account has increased over \$75,000,000. Britain is all right. Her people know enough not to value debt as a blessing and high taxes as a cure for hard times.

The bill for the repeal of the Irish coercion act passed under Lord Salisbury's government has been read a second time in the imperial house of commons. The government supported the bill, and Mr. Marley, the Irish secretary, showed that statistics proved that outrages were infrequent and conviction almost certain; that Ireland was not only less marked by crime than other portions of the united kingdom, but that the juries are more ready to do their duty than formerly. Of course the government submit that this is owing to confidence in the sympathetic government at present ruling, in the hope that home rule will not be long deferred, and to the relief afforded by the recent amendments to the land acts. The conservatives, while allowing that Ireland is wonderfully peaceful and that the crime record is very low, ascribed it to fear of the exercise of the powers placed within reach of the government by the coercion act, though the government was able to say that it never resorted to the power the act conferred on it. If the bill goes through committee, which is unlikely owing to the stress of other business, it

will, of course, be thrown out by the house of lords, which simply refuses to pass liberal legislation and rejects it almost without consideration or deliberation. Toronto Globe: The Star publishes a rumor to the effect that Sir Hibbert Tupper is supplying news of the Fredericton ridge scandal, with the object of removing Mr. Foster from the direct line of succession of premiership. That is a senseless venture, as the people will remove the entire cabinet as soon as they get a chance at it.

How pleased the Tories would be if England were to suddenly impose a protective tariff on her people! Fancy the result of a protective tariff in that country on Canadian exports. The much eulogized N. P. would assuredly seem a very undesirable policy to even its most ardent admirers, if this country was administered a dose of its own medicine by the mother country.

A good many sneers at the patrons of industry have been indulged in from the ranks of the high tax party in the Dominion parliament. The patrons are spoken of as "illiterate," and are otherwise belittled. How differently did these same conservatives treat the patrons so long as they believed that they could use the organization to defeat Sir Oliver Mowat. Let the opponents of class legislation get together in every constituency. The country needs a change.

Mail and Empire: The cotton industry pays out annually \$2,100,000 in wages. Will free trade make you rich? To this the Hamilton Times replies: The \$2,100,000 divided among the 8,502 employees of the cotton industry averages \$247 per year for each employee, equivalent to \$4.75 per week, or 80 cents per day. It is now in order for the Toronto organ to ask the cotton mill employees: "Has the national policy made you rich? People are apt to get rich on 80 cents a day."

Dundas Banner: Whenever the men in office at Ottawa take off the duty on any article they say that they thereby remove taxation from the shoulders of the people. Whenever they put the duty on again they say that it does not matter, as the people of other countries will have to pay it on the goods they send to Canada. An arrangement of this kind is a great convenience, and it is a wonder that it has not been patented. Like the Irishman's leg, it works both ways.

Ottawa Free Press: Some of the accounts which pass under the notice of the auditor general are very funny. Here is one sent in on account of a public employee: "One pair of boots, \$7.50; 1 pair of trousers, \$3.25; 1 pair of trousers, \$4; 1 pair of trousers, \$2.82." The auditor general not unreasonably remarks that these charges "appear of a personal nature, and should not be allowed as a charge against public money. Please explain." The explanation is not published. This is something like another modest item "cab to and from church, Montreal (rain) \$1.00. To which Mr. McDougall coldly responds "cab hire to church is not a charge against public funds." It was once said in the mother country: "Thank God we have a house of lords. This country may well say, 'Thank God we have an auditor general.' An examination of his report, no light matter, shows how much petty 'financing' on the part of those who think it no crime to defraud the government is kept in check.

Ottawa Free Press: The patent-combination organ was gorgeous, on Saturday, with a colored supplement representing the "old flag" and its columns, of course, were gushing over in praise of the sixteen year "old policy." What strange changes and transformations the whiff of time bring about. The "truly ill" cry of today, on the part of the paper in question, is in strange contrast with its statement made not so very long ago that if it was said the National Policy was bad for the relations of the mother-land and Canada "so much the worse for British connection." And in still stronger contrast with the incident described in the book on Sir John Macdonald by M. F. Glen, ex-M. P., now in the press, to the effect that the executive of the Mail-Empire recently spent several days in New York making the attempt to obtain subsidies to make the paper the advocate of annexation. Tories are capable of doing strange things at times. Consistency and honor were never part of their political programme and creed.

A. F. Gault, of Montreal, one of the common kings of Canada, has just presented \$10,000 towards the erection of a church college in Montreal. The men who seem to be giving away most money in this country are the cotton kings and agricultural implement makers. The money they make comes out of the pockets of our people, and in these hard times had better be left there. The worst feature of the case is that while these wealthy cotton and implement men are giving away dollars by the ten thousand or hundred thousand, they have been steadily cutting down the wages of their employees. Mr. Gault will be one of the combination that bought and closed up several mills throughout the country, besides reducing the wages of the employees in the mills that were left running. The high tariff prevents competition from the United States; the absence of competition gives the Canadian syndicate a monopoly, and having a monopoly it can charge what it pleases for its products and pay what it pleases to its employees. The remedy for all this is the lowering of the tariff.

COMMUNICATIONS. "Cussedness." (To the Editor of the Post.) Sir—About seventeen years ago a sidewalk was built from the town of Lindsay to the Riverside cemetery. The money was raised by private subscription. Last year when a new sidewalk was needed the directors of the cemetery company applied to the councils of Lindsay and Ops for assistance. The matter was left over until the new councils were elected, since which the Lindsay council refused to give anything. The Ops council has now notified the president of the cemetery company that unless the directors give a bond of indemnity against damages they will apply to the courts for an injunction to have the sidewalk removed. That is what I call "cussedness."—Yours, SLANG.

The Cemetery Sidewalk. (To the Editor of the Post.) Sir—Since the Ops council notified the Riverside Cemetery Co. that they would have the new sidewalk removed unless they gave a bond of indemnity against damages, the question has often been asked, "What is the matter with the Ops council?" Perhaps an illustration will explain. On one of the large steamers a new steward had been appointed, and several forward passengers asked the question, "What is the matter with the old steward?" A lady the captain said, "The fact is, he got too big for his breeches." A little girl who overheard the remark, the next time she heard the question, said, "I know what is the matter with the old steward." "What is the matter with the old steward?" was again asked. "His pants are too small," said the little girl. What is the matter with the Ops council? Their pants are too small.—Yours, BIG PANTS.

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