# The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL. Thursday, Jan. 31, '95

We clip the following sale notice from an exchange:-

This is an age of "bargain days." The stores in principal centres of trade do not cut much of a figure if they do not advertise "clearing sales," "moving sales," stock-taking sales," and other similar devices to catch the eredulous public, but for genuine bargains the merchants are not in it forced to dispose of staple goods at away down prices as follows:-

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price 45 cents.

price 28 cents.

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Wool worth 25 cents, sale price 15 | did not keep his promise? cents.

price 2½ cents. Beef worth 4 cents live weight,

sale price 2 cents. Live hogs worth 5 cents, sale price

31 cents.

Also a job lot of turnips, last season's growth, at clearing prices; 3 pumpkins for a quarter. We cannot quote lower prices, as anything below this means bankrupt farmers.

The Canada Presbyterian says -Why should there have been so much said and written about the Empire giving accommodation to the Globe staff after the fire which destroyed the Globe office. As a rule the professional staff of a high class journal has no more personal feeling against the staff of a rival journal than one lawyer has against another, or a professor of Calvanistic theology has against his Armenian brother. The people on the back concessions who read the rival journals have a monopoly of the personal quarrels."

The Ontario Government were again strengthened on Monday by the election of Hon. Mr. Harty, in Kingston, and Mr. Conmee, in West Algoma. The former was returned over his opponent, Dr. Smythe, by a majority of 432, and Mr. Conmee defeeted by King by over 200. The result is gratifying to the Grits, as the Mowat Government now have a good working majority against Conservatives, Patrons, Independents and P. P. A's.

## Our Ottawa Letter.

you a few facts 1 wish you to follow. You are all interested, deeply interested, and want you to study out what I am going to say and then draw your own deduct-

For the moment we will turn back to ancient history. Not very far back, either, for you will find my starting point | L. Keffer, 51 on page 187 of Hansard, or official debates (27th March) of last session. N w W Macdonald49 " carefully read what Finance Minister Foster told you then. Mr. Foster said: "If the expenditure from the 10th of March to the end of the year should be normal, that would leave us with a deficit; but this government has come to the | M McLennan 50 " conclusion -- a wise conclusion, which, I H Vanderburg49 " think, will be echoed by this House, and | E. Marsh, 47 " in which the government will have the M. Benson, 47 " co-operation and cordial help of the A. Brown, 47 " House-to endeavor to live this year within our income, and if our income is dess, to resolutely keep down the ex penditure, so that in the end we shall not shave that unwelcome visitor which so often made its appearance to my hon. friend who sits opposite me, an ugly and ill-visaged deficit. A prudent business man, any prudent business concern, any private gentleman, any householder, would take that course of action, and in the national housekeeping it is equally anenmbent, it seems to me, to follow the asme: course."

So much for what Minister Foster said. Now let us see what Minister Foster has done.

We were told by him that he anticipatred a deficit, and to make his revenue meet expenditure he would study econ- FREE OF CHARGE

omy. The public accounts for the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1894, have just been issued. Let us look there for the promised retrenchment. I think you will look in vain. In place of economy we find fresh evidence of extravagance.

The expenditure on account of revenue, which in 1893 was \$36,814,052, we find last year increased to \$37,585,025, while the total revenue we learn was reduced from \$38,168,608 to \$36,374,693.

Here on the start we find a decrease of \$1,793,915 in revenue and an increase of \$770,973 in expenditure. These figures bring the financial statement up to 30th June, 1894. We find no evidence of the promised economy here, so let us look fur her.

Take the last official Gazette and the 6 months' statement of revenue and expenditure up to 31st December, 1894. It is there we learn that while the revenue continued to decline the expenditure continued to increase. The revenue that during the 6 months ending 31st Decemwith the Canadian farmer, who is ber, 1893, amounted to \$18,315,709 only reached \$16,399,486 during the corresponding months of 1894, while comparing the two periods the expenditure increased from \$13,838,15J to \$14,129,418.

Now why did Minister Foster make that promise of retrenchment to parliament in March last if he had no intention of carrying it out? While you are on the hunt for retrenchment just turn to Peas worth 60 cents a bushel, sale page 43 of the last Public Accounts and you will find that the net debt on 30th June, 1893, was \$241,681,039, and then Oats worth 35 cents a bushel, sale turn to the official Gazette of Saturday last and there you will find that the net debt had been increased to \$245,934,004.

Is there any evidence of economy or retrenchment to be found in these figures? Even Mr. Foster himself will have to say no. But will he tell us candidly why he

Did he think then, when trying to impress it upon the House, that the elect-Lamb worth 4 cents a pound, sale ions would be over before the truth came out? It is not as if Minister Foster and his colleagues were in ignorance of the depression in trade that was approaching for he foreshadowed it in his budget speech last session when he told you he was threatened with a deficit. That deficit he said, however, would be averted by rigid economy and retreachment, which the government intended practising for the future, and what has been the re-

> Why the biggest deficit the country has ever known will be shown when the accounts for the year are balanced on 30th June. That deficit will reach at the very lowest estimate five million dollars, while some say seven million. Language too strang cannot be used in condeming the miserable attempt of Foster to deceive you when he thought the elections would be over before the truth was known.

Any one to look at that sanctimonious fact would say that the Minister of Finance was the essence of piery and truth. If you wanted absolution you would say that if any one had the power to absolve it must be he, so good, so pure, so saint ly. But looks are deceptive. If that same Foster and Ananias were sitting in a game of "draw," I would wager on the Minister of Finance bluffing the historical patron saint of truth out every time.

Just clance back for a moment at the eloquence of the language when he made that promise to the House on the 27th of March last. He must have smothered up the truth in his polished oratory for it never breathed again after he delivered himself of that flowery harangue.

Have you read it over a second time? Is it not a perfect gem; a masterpiece of composition ?

Yet why should we express surprise? Their only defence for the past sixteen years has been to lie themselves out when they were cornered. It is only, however in drawing attention to these facts that the country will be aroused to the principles of government they are now slaves to.

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tered Short Horn and Grade Cattle, Shropshire Sheep, Pigs, Implements, etc., on lot 32 Srd con, Markham, the property of George Forester, jr. Sale at 11 o'clock. Lunch provided. Terms 8 months; 7 per cent. per annum for cash. Salem Eckardt, auct. FRIDAY, February 15th-Saigeon's Monthly Sale of Farm Stock, Implements, etc., at the Richardson House, Maple. Sale at 1 p. n.. Terms, eight: months credit. J. T. Saigeon,

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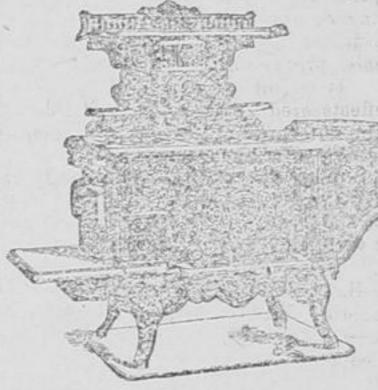
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