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**Our Ottawa Letter.**  
We have only to look at the Official  
Gazette, published to day, to learn why  
the government is anxious for an appeal  
to the people before the Minister of Fi-  
nance is forced to declare to the House  
the deplorable condition of the finances  
of the country. His position is made all  
the more embarrassing by the speech he  
made in parliament on the 27th of March,  
last session, when he told the House that  
in the face of declining revenue the gov-  
ernment would practice rigid economy  
and retrenchment.

In a recent letter I quoted his remarks  
and what he told the House. If you  
have it by you it is really worth reading  
over again, if for nothing more than to  
see how he has lied to you.  
Let us look at the Official Gazette. It  
shows that the result of the past seven  
months' financing bears no evidence of  
economy, but rather on the other hand  
do we find that reckless expenditure went  
on more rapidly than before. The total  
revenue during the seven months ending  
31st of January last was \$19,255,832,  
while the expenditure reached \$20,130,-  
209, showing a deficit of \$875,376, where  
last year there was a surplus of \$2,022,-  
605 in the treasury at this time.

This statement, therefore, shows that  
we are just \$2,898,029 worse off than we  
were on the 31st of January, 1894. That  
represents the shortage in the treasury on  
the figures for that period of last year,  
which, according to the Official Gazette,  
showed a deficit of \$3,232,985. We find  
that at the end of the present fiscal year  
(30 June) the Minister of Finance will  
have an actual deficit of \$6,131,014,  
or an adverse balance equal to that  
amount as compared with last year.

As to the net debt it stood at \$341,-  
972,351 on the 31st of January, 1894.  
On the 30th of June last it had increased  
to \$246,183,029, an increase of \$4,210,-  
678 during the five months. Let us see  
whether Minister Foster has economized  
in this direction. On January 31, 1895,  
we find by to day's official Gazette that  
the net debt has been increased to \$249,-  
407,462, to which for the next five  
months add the same rate of increase  
that took place in 1894, during the same  
period, and we will find ourselves with a  
net debt on 30th of June next amounting  
to \$253,618,140, an increase of \$7,435,-  
111 during the fiscal year.

This calculation is placed on the as-  
sumption that Minister Foster will from  
this out try and practice economy as he  
calls it, and does at least not exceed his  
last year's expenditure for the coming  
five months. If he does, and you know  
the elections are approaching, our debt  
will be much larger on the 30th of June  
than I have represented it.

But is it a wonder that Minister Foster  
fears meeting parliament? Is it a wonder  
he wants the elections over before an  
opportunity is given the Liberals to  
attack him in the House for the miser-  
able failure he has made of it?

Foster, notwithstanding his promises,  
professions and pledges of last session,  
knew his expenditure was increasing,  
while his revenue was shrinking. But his  
policy and the policy of the govern-  
ment has been one of deceit, deception,  
fraud and corruption, and why now be  
surprised at the exposure the publication  
of this week's Gazette has laid the gov-  
ernment open to.

A deficit of upwards of six million dol-  
lars. Is it a wonder Foster says bring  
the elections on soon or I am a "dead  
duck." He might be able to tell parlia-  
ment there was nothing really in it be-  
tween Haggart and a clerk of his depart-  
ment; that Caron had been lied about in  
connection with certain citizens in Otta-  
wa; that the Curran Bridge swindle had  
been over drawn; that the Laneyvin, Mc-  
Greevy, Connelley dicker was a square  
deal; that the Tay canal had drained the  
country, and not the people's pockets;  
that there was nothing crooked about the  
Davis contracts, nor the Ryan contracts,  
but for Foster to be forced to get up in  
parliament, especially on the eve of an  
election, and have to admit squarely that  
he had a six million deficit after all his  
assurances of last session, would be more  
than he would care to undertake. The  
facts were there in black and white, and  
there would be no way for him to get out  
of it but to own up.

In view of all these facts and threaten-  
ed exposures Foster says, "for God's  
sake bring on your elections first, or we  
are ruined. It would be better for us to  
be beaten before the country than in the  
House."  
One word more. Some two months  
ago Foster saw that as the session ap-  
proached some showing of retrenchment  
must be made. An Order in Council was  
passed suspending all construction work  
on public works.  
The programme has been changed; an  
election has been decided upon, and  
everything is activity about the Public  
Works department. Tenders are to be

called for at once for the construction of  
piers, breakwaters, and public buildings  
from Vancouver to Halifax, and in a few  
days this statement will be borne out by  
the advertisement for tenders that will  
appear in the government press.  
Here is a bid for your votes!

**Sons of Tempeance.**  
The North York District Division, Sons  
of Temperance, held their first session of  
the year in Kettleby Temperance Hall,  
on Thursday, January 1st. Over seventy  
delegates were present, among whom were  
J. B. Brooks, G. W. P., of Toronto; W.  
H. Bowell, G. S., of Whitby, and J. M.  
Walton, G. T., of Kettleby.

Encouraging reports were received  
from ten subordinate divisions in the dis-  
trict showing a net increase in the mem-  
bership of 102 for the last three months  
of 1894. During the past quarter two  
new divisions were established, which  
now have a membership of 41 and 31 re-  
spectively. The silver cup awarded by  
the District goes for the present to Rav-  
enshoe Division, which initiated 41  
members.

The following officers were elected for  
the present year:—D. W. P., Bro. F. W.  
Heacock, of Kettleby, No. 232; D. W. A.,  
Sis. C. Hill, of Queensville, No. 223; D.  
S., Bro. A. F. McKenzie, of Laskay, No.  
220; Treas., Bro. Stephens, of Ravens-  
hoe, No. 280; Chap., Bro. E. H. Pegg,  
of Hope On, No. 282; Com., Sis. C. E.  
Agnew, of Lloydtown, No. 260; Sent.,  
Bro. T. Hunter, of Pine Orchard, No.  
256.

The next meeting will be held at  
Queensville about the last of May.  
A. F. MCKENZIE, District Scribe.

**Sherwood**  
On Friday evening last the Ladies'  
Aid Society of the Lutheran church held  
a social in the school room, which, on  
account of the coldness of the weather,  
was but poorly attended. After partak-  
ing of an appetizing repast set by the  
ladies they all repaired to the parsonage,  
where Miss Snider, of Elia, gave a read-  
ing, and where the International Auto-  
graph Quilt was put up for sale. It was  
purchased by Mr. J. K. McDonald, of  
Toronto.

On Wednesday evening a number of  
the friends and neighbors gathered at the  
residence of Mr. James Barnett, and after  
spending a pleasant and profitable time  
they presented him with a purse and  
some groceries, to make the way of life  
smoother during the winter.

On Thursday afternoon the Institute  
Committee of the Vaughan Sabbath  
School Association met in the Presby-  
terian church, Maple, to arrange the pro-  
gramme for the Institute to be held in  
St. Andrew's church (Presbyterian), 7th  
con. Vaughan, in June. An excellent  
time may be expected as the programme  
is good and as able and talented persons  
are being secured to take the subjects.

On Friday a severe storm swept over  
this vicinity blocking the roads; some  
places they were impassable. The rail-  
road was also blocked up, so that the citi-  
zens of this place did not see any trains  
from Friday until Monday evening.

Bread famine also prevailed in our  
town, as the Richmond Hill baker was  
sold out before he arrived, and neither  
bread nor flour could be purchased at the  
grocery. We also understand that the  
enterprising town of Edgely was as badly  
affected by the famine as we were.

We understand that the constable of  
our sister village north of us was snowed  
under on Monday last.

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**Victoria Square.**  
At the semi monthly shoot of the Vic-  
toria Square Rifle Club on Wednesday  
last, the following scores were made  
while the mercury was away down below  
zero:

	100 yds.	200 yds.	T'l
W. Mustard	41	34	75
Geo. Dennis	45	28	73
J. McKenzie	32	37	69
R. Agar	40	29	69
R. Franey	40	19	59
Geo. Forester	27	27	54

The following are the winners of the  
prizes offered by the club for the highest  
average scores made at the four club  
matches:—1st class, R. Agar; 2nd class,  
Geo. Forester; 3rd class, L. Stouten-  
burgh.  
The next meeting of the club will be  
held on Wednesday, Feb'y 20th, when  
the present prize-holders must defend  
their claims to the trophies against all  
members in their respective classes.

**Kelly Cup and Stones.**  
The competition for the silver cup and the  
pair of stones offered by Mr. J. Kelly, of the  
Palmer House, came off on the rink on  
Thursday and Friday last. Owing to the  
very severe weather, some clubs did not put  
in an appearance that were expected. On  
the first day The Yorks, of East Toronto,  
played a good game with Markham, but  
were defeated by 13 shots, as follows:

YORKS	MARKHAM
R. Malcolm, sk. .... 27	G. Vanzant, sk. .... 20
T. Gibson, sk. .... 9	W. H. Hall, sk. .... 29
Total ..... 36	Total ..... 49

The Scarborough Maple Leafs were drawn to  
play the Aberdeens, of East Toronto, in the  
evening, but Aberdeen defaulted. Aurora  
also defaulted to Richmond Hill, thus leav-  
ing Markham, Maple Leafs and Richmond  
Hill to play off. Richmond Hill was drawn  
to play Markham Friday morning, but owing  
to the storm Markham failed to put in an  
appearance, Richmond Hill thus winning  
from Markham by default. This left Rich-  
mond Hill and Scarborough to play, which they  
did on Friday afternoon, Richmond Hill  
winning by 10 shots, as follows:

SCAR. MAPLE LEAFS	RICHMOND HILL
A. Masou	J. Brownlee
B. Green	J. Morton
H. Thompson	W. D. Atkinson
A. Patterson, sk. .... 17	C. McLean, sk. .... 24
J. Chester	H. A. Nicholls
R. Forfar	M. Boyle
G. Chester	W. H. Pugsley
R. Thompson, sk. .... 20	J. Palmer, sk. .... 23
Total ..... 37	Total ..... 47

On Thursday night Richmond Hill and  
Scarboro Maple Leafs played a friendly game,  
Richmond Hill winning by 8 shots.  
The cup has to be won by the same club  
three times, Markham having won it twice  
and Richmond Hill once. The stones are  
presented annually to the winning team.

**Masquerade Carnival.**  
The ladies' relief committee of the village  
are to be congratulated on their successful  
efforts in raising money for the needy, as the  
skating carnival on Tuesday night was with-  
out a doubt the very best ever given in the  
rink here. Many of our citizens who are  
seldom seen on skates came out in costume,  
and participated in the evening's enjoyment.  
The caretaker had the ice in its usual good  
condition, the decoration committee dis-  
played exquisite taste in the arrangement of  
tissue paper, flags, and other articles of  
ornamentation, the band furnished delightful  
selections of music, and the refreshments at  
the ladies' booth left nothing to be desired.  
Some of the costumes were fantastic, some  
were swell, but most of them were repre-  
sentative. Many of the costumes were worthy  
of special mention, but as there was such a  
variety we deem it well not to make com-  
parison. In a few cases the disguise was so  
perfect that some of our citizens did not  
know their boon companions. The amount  
taken was about \$55. The following is a  
partial list of those in costume with the  
character represented:—

Mrs. Proctor, Lady of the Harem; Jennie  
Palmer, Fairy Queen; A. J. Campbell, High-  
lander; Wilber Skeele, Mexican Senor; May  
Storey, Maid of Athens; Jennie Wiley, a  
Squaw; Harold Proctor, Spanish Cavalier;  
Leon Proctor, Incurable; L. Hoover,  
Chinese; Ethel Switzer, Gypsy; C.  
Hards, the Well known Canadian Sport; T.  
Hicks, an Indian; Ila Mackinnon, Toronto,  
Sailor Lassie; Annie Scarborough, Louis  
XV. Amazon; Beatrice Elliott, Princess  
Otomie; F. Sheppard, Diamond Dick; Ida  
Glass, Red Ridinghood; John Brown, Jockey;  
H. McKenzie, Indian; L. Morris, Lord  
Fauntleroy; Bev. Glover, an Irishman; Dr.  
R. Langstaff, John Bull; Carrie Robinson,  
Sunflower; Maud Tyrrell, Morning Star;  
M. M. Albin, Spanish Dancing Girl; Florence  
Moodie, Red, White and Blue; Mrs. A. J.  
Campbell, Under graduate; Mildred Wilson,  
Doll, Varden; Bel Moodie, Maggie; Albert  
Glass, Chinaman; Mrs. Will D. Atkinson,  
Sunflower; Rob Moodie, John Chinaman;  
Ernest Goode, Diamonds; H. B. Quantz,  
Yankee Rebel; Hannah Garbutt, the Rose;  
Harry Vanderburg, Indian; Annie Glass,  
Sunflower; J. Biffin, Snow Man; Mrs. T.  
Hicks, Red, White and Blue; Stella Morris,  
Red Ridinghood; J. Hards, Rob Roy; Susie  
Trench, Frost; E. Startup, Soldier; Miles  
Langstaff, Adolpu; Milton Langstaff, Lord  
Fauntleroy; Norman Wilson, Punchinello;  
Lou Legge, Queen of Clubs; Sara Clifford,  
Stars and Stripes; John Tran, Deacon Jones;  
Louise Harrison, Last Rose of Summer; G.  
W. Glover, an Officer of the Canadian Militia  
half a century ago; Dell C. Palmer, Maple  
Leaf; I. Mulholland, King Wan; Minnie  
Garnett, Rose Bud; Louie Goode, Red, White  
& Blue; Lizzie Palmer, Jewess; Flora Hopper,  
a Gipsy Queen; Jennie Gale, Toronto, Nun;  
Alberta Albin, Cinderella; Lottie Hopper,  
House-maid; L. Sheppard, Gipsy Queen;  
Hattie Sisley, Marguerite; Arthur Vander-  
burg, Highland Laidie; Torrance Brown,  
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Brown, Jockey; Emma Martin, a Rainbow;  
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