

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, Thursday, May 9, '95

Our Ottawa Letter.

Mr. Foster had a difficult task before him this year when he presented his annual Budget. With deficits on all sides of him—he, the successor of a line of Conservative ministers who have boasted of surpluses, and described deficits as proof of incapacity—what wonder that his speech should have been lifeless and labored. Clever it undoubtedly was and specious, but then cleverness can only go a certain distance and cannot disguise the fact the rational finances are in a worse state than they have ever been before. The deficit for the year ending 30th June last he was forced to admit amounted to \$1,210,000. For the current year, putting the best face possible on the matters, he cannot reduce the deficit to a less amount than \$4,500,000. While for the year which will commence on the 1st of July next, he was obliged to prophecy a deficit of \$1,700,000. This last, moreover is what will result even if the revenues increase as he expects and the expenditures decrease as he promises they will, and after the additions which he has just made to the taxation have been allowed for. What a state of things for an exponent of the National Policy to reveal.

As for the debt of the country it has increased concurrently with these deficits; but then large increases of the debt have been a normal condition under Conservative rule. In the years 1893-4 and 1894-5 the debt has been increased by \$11,802,000. So that on the 30th of June next the net debt will be \$253,480,000 as compared with \$140,008,000 when the Conservatives took office. These are salient points of this year's Budget.

Sir Richard Cartwright never spoke in better form than when he rose to reply to Mr. Foster and never showed more clearly the complete grasp which he possesses of the finances. In the matter of the country's liabilities he put the Finance Minister through a pretty stiff examination. Mr. Foster had estimated the liabilities which are likely to become a charge upon the Treasury during the next four or five years as amounting to something over nine million dollars. These included something over four million dollars of railway subsidies already voted and five million dollars for the deepening and completion of the St. Lawrence Canal system. Sir Richard, however, called attention to the fact that many most important matters were omitted in this statement. He wanted to know for instance whether Mr. Foster did not consider the \$750,000 a year which the government had granted to a Fast Atlantic Service as an obligation; whether the Trent Valley Canal which the government have time and again pledged themselves, and for which a contract has this year been let amounting to half a million—whether this project was not in the same way as the St. Lawrence Canal system an obligation on the government. Then there was the \$2,500,000 granted by Order in Council to the Hudson Bay Railway Co.; was that not an obligation? The Chignecto Ship Railway too with its annual charge of \$170,000, should that, he asked, be included? As for railway subsidies the statement of the Minister of Railways the other day had been that the amount which had been voted by Parliament, and still to be earned was between eight and nine million. Altogether instead of obligations of \$9,000,000, as estimated by Mr. Foster, Sir Richard found about twenty millions to be more nearly the sum to which Mr. Foster and his government have pledged themselves.

After the immoderate credit which the government had taken to itself for reducing in 1891 the duty on sugar it came oddly from Mr. Foster that he should conclude his speech by reimposing a duty of half a cent a pound upon all raw sugar and making proportionate increases upon refined sugar and manufactures into which sugar largely enters.

The Budget debate will continue tomorrow. Sir Richard only dealt with the financial aspect on Friday and will resume his reply tomorrow by a thorough exposition of the government's fiscal policy and the general state of the country. A spirited debate in which a number of members on both sides will take part, is expected. The government are driven to bay and feel that they are on the verge of the precipice. The opposition, on the other hand look upon this as the opportunity for which they have waited fifteen years—the utter collapse of National Policy promises the utter discrediting of protective principals. If the country does not become seized of the financial and commercial condition of Canada before the debate closes it will not be their fault.

One of the most interesting discussions of the week although bearing no political significance perhaps arose upon Mr. Mulock's bill to prohibit members of parliament from drawing mileage allowance for attending Sessions in cases where they have travelled upon railway passes. There was a unanimous assent to the principle that members ought not to draw money for disbursements which they have not made. But from a dozen different standpoints a dozen members found objections to the bill. Nearly everyone who spoke expressed a willingness (not surprising) to support Mr. Mulock's proposition if in place of the present system of passes all the railway companies in the country shall be obliged by law to carry members of parliament free. The outcome of the discussion is likely to be legislation of some sort. Just what can not

be predicted. Meanwhile Mr. Mulock has been amply justified in bringing the question to the attention of parliament and the reflection must force itself upon any outsider who listened to the debate, that if members regarded a little more the dignity and duties of their position, twenty-eight members would not find it necessary to discuss for an afternoon the question of passes, and on another occasion vote silently to whitewash a Langvin-Caron or Turcotte.

The Hudson Bay Railway subsidy was brought up in the Senate the other day and Sir Mackenzie Bowell made an explanation with regard to a recent Order in Council granting the company \$2,500,000. His explanation substantially supports what has already been published. He admits that this wild cat scheme has received from the government this huge bonus. Now, from all signs, it appears that Sir Mackenzie and the government want to back out of their pledge. The idea undoubtedly was that the transaction should not become public until after the election had taken place. Then with a body of supporters fresh from victory and a victory to which this Hudson Bay job would have largely contributed, the government hope the character of the transaction would be indulgently regarded. Of course things were desperate or this means of raising funds would not have been attempted; they might have been too desperate even for a fund of \$250,000 in which case the government would have been in the position of gamblers who had staked all (and their honor which they were willing also to cast upon the die did not, perhaps, amount to much.) Before elections members of parliament, even supporters of the government are sometimes squeamish. This has turned out in the present case and so utterly indefensible is the pledge which the government entered into that they do not intend to carry it out.

The Townsend Company.

Our readers have a chance to enjoy an unwonted treat by attending the two entertainments to be given by the Townsend Shakespearean Company this week. The following is a good representation of



MR. HARRY TOWNSEND,

who will take the important character of Shylock in the Merchant of Venice. The following illustration does but scant justice to



FLORENCE TOWNSEND AS PORTIA.

Another prominent member of the company, who takes the part of Pauline in Delicate Ground is



CONSTANCE TOWNSEND,

a young lady of great personal attractions and ability as an actress. The company come well recommended, and the entertainment will be found one of an elevating and intellectual character.

FOR SALE

A four year old stallion, "Romanoff," by Hodgen; dam by Old Ruric (imp. t. b.) A sure foal getter, good moyer. Terms easy. H. QUETTON ST. GEORGE Oak Ridges, April 17th, 1895.

ELLIOTT'S CLEARING SALE

BOOTS & SHOES

AT GREATLY

Reduced Prices.

It makes no difference to you the great advance in the price of Leather.

Our stock was bought before the advance and prices reduced on the original cost.

Richmond Hill.

DAISY DYES

In packages, 5 cts. each, containing just as much as any of the 10 ct. packages.

All the Colors of the Rainbow

All fast colors for wool or cotton.

These Dyes are made by one of the largest and most reliable dye concerns in France

5 cts. a pk. DAISY DYES, 5 cts. a pk.

SOLE AGENTS:

C. D. DANIEL & CO., DRUGGISTS

171 King St. E., Toronto, — Opposite Clyde Hotel

RICHMOND HILL HARDWARE STORE

For all kinds of

Hardware, Churns, Clothes Wringers, Carpet Sweepers, Barbed Wire, Black Wire, Galvanized Wire, Poultry Netting, Forks, Rakes, Spades, Shovels, Hinges, Table & Pocket Cutlery, Creamers, Tin Pails, Milk Pans, and all kinds of Tinware in stock or made to order. Eave Troughing, Iron Roofing of all kinds, Furnace Work, Stoves, and all kinds of work in the tinsmith line. Repairing promptly done. Prices right.

C. MASON.

RICHMOND HILL HARNESS SHOP.

Is the place to go for your

Light Harness, Heavy Team Harness, Collars,

And all other supplies.

FINE - HARNESS - A - SPECIALTY.

Everything up to date and prices as low as possible for good work.

Repairing promptly attended to. Special attention given to Facing and Repairing Collars. All work guaranteed.

Geo. McDonald, - Richmond Hill.

J. L. ROSS & Co., BANKERS.

OFFICE: YONGE ST., AURORA.

Drafts issued on the

BANK - OF - TORONTO

payable at par on all the leading points.

A general Banking Business is transacted.

Notes Discounted. Special attention paid to the collection of Notes and Accounts.

Money advanced on Notes and Mortgages for any length of time to suit the borrower.

Sale Notes cashed or taken for collection.

Note Forms furnished free of charge on application.

J. L. ROSS, - - Manager.

A. J. HUMME, Fashionable Tailor, RICHMOND HILL

Maple Pump Works

WINDMILLS



PUMPS TANKS

Mr. W. B. Gram having gone out of the business in Maple, I am again prepared to supply customers on shortest notice. Postal notes promptly attended to.

W. H. JACKSON, MAPLE

J. T. SAIGEON,

Insurance Agent

—FOR—

GURE DIST. MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.;

The British America, Also the

TEMPERANCE & GENERAL RESIDENCE MAPLE.

COAL, WOOD AND SLABS

Delivered on shortest notice at reasonable prices.

ORDERS SOLICITED.

Wm. R. Proctor, RICHMOND HILL.

House to Rent

A Brick House in good repair, with good garden and small fruits, is to rent, on Mill street, in the Village of Richmond Hill. Apply to

T. H. RILEY