

Thursday, January 12, 1899

OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

The statement made by the Minister of Finance at Montreal, that the surplus for the first year during which the Liberal Government has had full control of the finances, amounts to \$1,722,712 is a gratifying indication that however anxious and ready the Government is to embark in any expenditure necessary to the development of the country's resources, it is determined to keep well within the ability of the country to pay therefor.

The approximate returns for the first half of the current fiscal year ending Dec. 31st, show that the country is better off, as between revenue and expenditure, than last year, good as that was, by \$2,855,000. To those who have been perturbed by the apparent increase in expenditure, it may be pointed out that, while the debt was increased by \$2,416,802, more than that amount has been spent on the St. Lawrence canals alone, and even the most captious opposition critic has not dared to take exception to this.

A Great Demonstration. The meeting of Liberals in Montreal on Tuesday evening was a notable gathering in many ways. The enthusiastic and spontaneous welcome given to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues, the splendid reception given to the addresses delivered, the universal spirit of buoyancy and confidence shown by the vast audience, the complete absence of any discordant note in spite of the reports of dissatisfaction so industriously circulated in some quarters, all went to indicate how entirely the efforts to break down the stalwart Liberalism of Quebec have failed.

The Reform of the Senate. The Premier's proposal for the reform of the Senate, by bringing the two Houses of Parliament together and taking a joint vote upon any question which has been approved by the Commons and thrown out by the Upper House, is exciting very considerable attention, while very much can be said in favor of entire abolition, it is recognized that grave constitutional difficulties would have to be met, and that the easier way of overcoming the trouble, by curtailing the ability to abuse its power would be preferable if such can be found.

The finally final returns of the Plebiscite came out last week in the Canada Gazette. 278,187 voted for prohibition, 266,571 voted against, a majority for of 13,616. The total vote polled is a little over 44 per cent of the enrolled vote, the figures being 548,658 out of 1,233,819. Thus, about 23 per cent of the electors voted "yes" which to us seems small foundation to introduce a great moral change, however much we might desire it.

Bishop Sullivan, Rector of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, died last week. The regret at his death is very marked and sincere by all classes of the community. He did a great work in Algoma which he clung with a devotion which refused the Bishopric of Huron in 1884, when he simply said "My duty to Algoma compels me to decline." He was of the evangelical school, eloquent and magnetic, and his place will not be easily filled.

The French press is again hostile to Britain of course. This is getting a common remark in the despatches. Since the complete backdown in the

Fashoda incident France has been seeing how far she could go in China, in Newfoundland in Madagascar and elsewhere in the irritation of Britain. Backing down is becoming easy to her however, and Britain does not seem to be anxious, but she is firm. Her firmness is causing a strengthening of the French forces however, which may be what France is aiming for, in view of a future tussle with Germany. Her arming to resist what she chooses to call British aggression, will not offend Germany, but at the same time she is getting ready for Germany.

TOP CLIFF.

Although late we wish ye Ed. and staff a happy and prosperous New Year. Mr. Jno. McLeod of Sunnidale visited at his father's and other friends a week ago.

Mr. Neil McGillivray and sister of Paisley Bruce Co, visited at Mrs. Robt. McIntyre's last week.

Mr. Edward Sullivan of Maple Grove, accompanied by his mother and sister visited at Mr. P. Sullivan's on New Year's day.

Miss Magzue McCannel, our genial school teacher took a trip to the Queen city during holidays.

We are pleased to be able to congratulate Mr. Neil McCannel upon his successful attempt to attain the office of Councillor for 1899.

Mr. Neil Elder spent New Year's week with his numerous friends in the capital of the province.

Quite a number from this vicinity took in the annual Sunday School entertainment held in the Presbyterian church, Priceville, where they were all well entertained.

Mr. Hugh McDonald had a wood bee last week where the boys worked with a will and at night had near twenty cord-wood, split and piled. The evening was passed in good and light fantastic.

Some of the boys and girls took in a dance at Mr. Tom McKevins where they enjoyed themselves to their hearts content, and hope to be able to pass another evening with the same crowd before the winter is over.

Mr. Thomas McDougall and Jno. McDonald are present cutting wood for Mr. Neil Cameron and Jno. Campbell of Egremont. We expect to hear of some record breaking.

A few of the youth's from the Cliff took a drive over to Martin Stonelouse's one evening last week where a very pleasant evening was spent.

Mrs. Whiteside and son from Owen Sound were the guests of Mr. Roderick McEachern last week.

We notice that there is still an odd young man or two, who, like the heroes of old, through frost and snow to see their way through, but we leave it for the B. V. scribe to describe them better.

Mr. Findlay McPhail visited Mr. N. McIntyre for a short time on Sunday, but after awhile they could be seen driving in the opposite direction from which the wind was blowing.

Miss Flora McCannel is at present enjoying her self at and around home, we are pleased to have her among us again.

Mr. Francis McLeod, of Sunnidale, is visiting at Mr. Neil McCannel's.

Elections are now over for this year, and everyone around here seems fairly satisfied with the result.

What we would like to know is where did some of the boys watch the old year drawing to a close and the dawning of a new one.

Did the young man get his feet wet crossing through the woods?

We heard a young lady complaining that the parties were all a failure since Charley went to Trout Lake.

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Much heavier receipts were at hand at the Western Cattle Market to-day than expected by local buyers earlier this week, and with the demand much restricted by soft weather the supply proved ample. Choice cattle were competed for sharply. A few lots sold a little higher, but there was no general quotable advance for common cattle, and such steers as lacked weight and quality dragged at barely steady prices. The receipts were about 40 loads, including about 300 sheep and lambs and 1,300 hogs and a few milk cows.

Export Cattle—The offerings were equal to demand. The prices remained unchanged from Tuesday, bringing \$1.25 to \$1.50 per cwt.

Butchers' Cattle—There was a fairly heavy supply and the prices were a little higher for the choicest, which fetched \$4 to \$4.25 per cwt. Common were slow at unchanged prices.

Bulls—The supply was much heavier than expected and the prices firmer. Heavy exporters brought \$3.50 to \$4 and \$4.25 for selections. Light fetched \$2.25 to \$3.25 per cwt.

Stockers and Feeders—Stockers for Buffalo were in a limited supply and good demand at firm prices, bringing \$3 to \$3.40 per cwt. Feeders were quoted at \$3.50 to \$3.75.

Milk Cows—There were only a few offered, which brought steady prices, ranging from \$30 to \$40 each.

Sheep and Lambs—The offerings were liberal and the demand fairly good. The prices for sheep for export and butchers' use were a little easier, while lambs remained firm. Export sheep fetched \$3.25 to \$3.35 per cwt. Lambs brought \$3.75 to \$4.25 per cwt. Bucks were slow at \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Hogs—The supply in the annex was heavier than anticipated and prices for choice selections and light were firmer, the former being quoted at 12c advance and the latter 25c higher. Choice fetched \$4.50 per cwt, light brought \$4.13. Sows were slow at \$3 to \$3.25 per cwt.

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