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NO TASTE FOR ART.

The Police Raid an Alleged Gambling Den.

SEVENTY ARRESTS MADE.

It Was the Society of Sculpture— Trial Next Week.

The enquete room in the Police Court was crowded this morning with men and boys who had been trying to grow rich too quickly. There were over seventy of them, the result of a raid made last night by the police authorities on a concern which has been doing business for a considerable time at 104 St. Lawrence street under the name of "The Societe National de Sculpture."

Having received several complaints from the Citizens' League and private individuals regarding the kind of encouragement given to art by this society, Chief Detective Carpenter sent a couple of his men up there to investigate. Their report was that it was unmistakably a lottery, the objects of the sculptor's "art" which were supposed to be won by the unartistic and unesthetic habits of the place being very really won.

The mode in which the operations of the society were carried on was similar to that in so-called "art" societies. It is said to have been conducted on the lottery system, the prize being a piece of sculpture. These are exchangeable for cash. The business was carried on on a double principle, the sale of tickets being conducted at 104 St. Lawrence street and the other part of the business at 118, where the raid was made.

The large station at No. 104 was a brilliantly lighted room before the shadow of the law fell across it. In the windows around the walls were placed a number of cheap-looking busts of Canadian statesmen. The "agents" of the society sold tickets here, while the judges took the other place. Here drawings took place at eight o'clock every evening, but things were going so well that yesterday two drawings a day were commenced, one at two p.m. and the other at eight.

The detectives found that when a ticket was won the winning number he went down to 104 and signed a receipt for a statue—any old one—before receiving his money.

Under these circumstances the chief detective consulted with the Chief of Police and decided to make a raid on the premises. This was effected a few minutes before eight o'clock, last night, when the store where the actual business was carried on was likely to be crowded. Chief Detective Carpenter, Detective-Sergeant McLaughlin, Detective O'Keefe, Guerin, McLaughlin, Sutherland, Lamouche, Barrett and Kopp, with a posse of twenty police men under Inspector Gauthier, and Lancey, marched out from the Central Station down St. Lambert hill and surrounded the premises in short order.

There was a small-sized panic inside when the seventy odd men and boys found what was taking place, but resistance was useless. Two patrol wagons were called, and as fast as they could be taken away they were placed under arrest by the detectives and constables and carried off to the Central.

Henri Lemire, who gave his address as 123 Berri street and his business as notary, was arrested on a charge of keeping a lottery. According to the police sheets, Joseph A. Martin, Charles and Joseph Brouillette, Charles Daoust, Ernest David and Alexandre Millette, were arrested on a similar charge, but in court this morning they were only charged, with the others, with being found at a lottery.

The most of the prisoners were able to bail in sums of from \$3 to \$5 for their appearance this morning, but those whose names did not appear in the list of names at headquarters and a few clerks, of ages ranging all the way from eighteen to fifty. Nearly every man was dressed and of respectable appearance.

The detectives got two wheels, which were used in making the drawings, and Chief Carpenter has them in his office. One is a handsome affair with glass sides and wood rim, mounted on a stand, in which the numbers were shaken up. At each drawing 78 numbers were placed in the wheel, of which twelve carried prizes.

Magistrate Lafontaine sat in the Enquete Room this morning to hear the cases. The room was crowded with the prisoners, who were in charge of High Constable Bissonnette and Deputy Lambert. Lemire was first arraigned for keeping the place and carrying on a lottery. Alexandre Lebeuf, advocate, appeared for him and asked for a postponement for a week. This was granted, bail being allowed in \$200. The case will come up on Wednesday next as well as those of the men found frequenting the place. These all pleaded not guilty and were allowed out on bail on making a deposit of \$1 each with the clerk of the court.

The Accused. The following is a list of those whose names appear on the Police Court sheets: Henri Lemire, 35, notary, 123 Berri St.; Joseph A. Martin, 39, agent, 354 Rivard St.; Octave Beaupre, butcher, 1991 St. Dominique Street; Amand Barrois, joiner, 233 St. Hypolite Street; Emile St. Laurent, tobacconist, 509 St. Lawrence Street; Joseph Morel, agent, 395 Champlain Street; Marcel Levy, tailor, 238 Cadieux Street; George Brown, elevator man, 173 St. Dominique Street; Max Goldberg, tailor, 171 St. Dominique Street; Meyer Segal, tailor, 616 Dorchester St.; Max Goldberg, tailor, 616 Dorchester St.; Ameele Depatie, shoemaker, 23 Vitre Street; Samuel Sorrensky, carpenter, 190 City Hall Avenue; George Robertson, bricklayer, 22 St. Antoine Street.

TO OPPOSE THE BILLS.

City Clerk David Acts on Montreal's Behalf.

THE ABATTOIR MEASURE

Does Not Meet the Approval of the City Council.

Quebec, Dec. 15.—(Special).—Mr. L. O. David, Montreal's City Clerk, is here in connection with charter amendments and for the purpose of opposing all measures by which lighting and other companies seek power to lay pipes in or upon the streets of the city of Montreal for any purpose without the consent of the city.

Mr. David will also oppose the Union Abattoir Company's bill in so far as it authorizes the company to transfer the site of its abattoirs, seeing that such transfer would involve the city's cattle markets, adjoining the present site, from which the city at present derives a revenue in the shape of market dues, as provided by the terms of its contract with the company.

Among the Montrealers here in connection with bills before the Private Bills Committee are the Hon. C. A. Geoffrion, M.C., M.P., Dr. E. P. Lachapelle, and Messrs. F. L. Beique, Q.C., Eugene La Fontaine, C. A. Corvaille, John Danlop, Q.C., W. McLea Walbank, R. C. Smith, Q.C., J. W. Liburd, Q.C., M.P., Campbell, J. S. Bachan, J. W. Liburd, E. De Lorimier, S. C. Stevenson and others.

The Notre Dame Hospital bill was passed, and the bill incorporating the village of Grand Mere, having been referred to a sub-committee, with Mr. R. Bickerdike as chairman, was also adopted with certain amendments.

The act incorporating the North Shore Power Company was adopted this morning by the Committee of Legislation. The House shall meet on Sunday, today and referred to the Private Bills Committee, which body will consider the measure to-morrow, with other measures in which the city of Montreal is interested.

ASSAULTED HIS 90 YEAR OLD FATHER.

The Cruel Act of a Son Supposed to be Insane.

Cowanville, Dec. 15.—(Special).—A father nearly ninety years old was assaulted by a son at the latter's home, two miles distant from Cowanville on Sunday, and it is possible that he may not recover from his injuries. The name of the son, who is alleged to be insane, is Edwin Ellison.

It is said he has been insane on different occasions and has always been peculiar in his actions. He is a very powerful man and has always shown a genius for mechanics and mathematics. He used to own a factory at Freeport, near here, for the making of butter tubs and such goods, but failed in business some years ago. His latest employment was in running the electric light station here. He was discontinued from this a few weeks ago.

BUREL MUST PAY.

A Decision of Much Interest to Montreal Homekeepers.

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Three Rivers, Que., Dec. 15.—(Special).—There is a good deal of dissatisfaction in one of the parishes of this diocese in connection with the alleged disappearance of a large portion of church funds. At a meeting of the congregation held on Sunday after mass, the cure, it is said, admitted being short in his accounts to some \$4,000, but members of the congregation claim that it is much more than this. They are anxious to know what has become of the ordinary church revenues, averaging \$500 a year, for the past fifteen years. It is likely that Bishop Lafabe will be called on to take action in the matter.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT.

Mr. E. W. Smith, who has been in the District Passenger Agent's office at Bonaventure depot for several years, and who has been in the office of the greatest satisfaction, has just been appointed passenger and ticket agent at Sherbrooke. The appointment will, no doubt, be a popular one, and Mr. Smith is receiving congratulations on this important position. Mr. Smith left yesterday and will enter on his duties immediately.

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BY THE PARIS PRESBYTERY.

His Stand is Regretted By the Ministers.

Paris, Ont., Dec. 15.—This was a field day in the Paris Presbytery and the views on prohibition of the Rev. Dr. Grant, of Kingston, lately published, were repudiated in a resolution moved by Rev. W. A. Mackay, D.D., of Woodstock, and seconded by Rev. B. R. Hart, of Ingersoll. Strong speeches were made both for and against the resolution. An amendment condemning the views of Principal Grant, without mentioning his name, was moved and carried by seven yeas. A number of the members had to leave before the vote was taken in order to reach home to-night. The resolution as passed, reads: "Whereas the Presbyterian Church has repeatedly in her courts taken strong ground against the licensed liquor traffic of this land, declaring it to be 'contrary to the word of God and to the spirit of the Christian religion,' and calling upon people by voice, vote and example to do all in their power to seek its removal and, whereas, the prohibition of that traffic has been lately assailed in one of the most largely circulated papers in the Dominion by one whose position and influence identify him very closely with the Presbyterian Church; "Therefore, the Presbytery of Paris deems it an imperative duty to give at this time on this matter no uncertain sound in relation to its entire adherence to the position taken by our General Assembly and our opposition to and repudiation of the ground taken by the principal of Queen's College.

THE LORD'S DAY ACT.

A Delegation Asks Premier Hardy, of Ontario, for Amendments.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—A large delegation representing many towns and cities of Ontario, waited upon the Government yesterday to ask for amendments to the Lord's Day Act, so as to make it apply to corporations as well as to persons, and to define the meaning under the act of the word "traveler." J. K. MacDonald introduced the speakers. J. A. Paterson explained the legal aspects of the matter. Rev. Dr. Caven, Dr. Williams and Rev. Dr. Langtry spoke at considerable length. Others who were called upon to address Premier Hardy and the members of the Government were:—Rev. J. G. Shearer, Hamilton; John Beardsall, London; D. W. Robertson, Kingston; Rev. J. Schell, Guelph; P. A. Cassidy, St. Catharines; Rev. James Harris, Guelph; Rev. D. Strachan, Brockville; Rev. Geo. Sitcox, Paris; Hon. Senator Vidal, Saratoga; F. L. Fowler, Oshawa, John Brotherhood, Owen Sound; B. Norquay, Port Dover; and the Hon. Senator Allan, Toronto.

Each speaker told of some particular instance in his respective locality of the need of the one day rest in seven being reserved to working people. It was Premier Hardy, replying, said he was in sympathy with the movement these gentlemen were promoting, but difficulties were to be met with in putting into legislation the ideas advanced. He promised, however, that the Government would give its favorable consideration to the matter.

AN INSURANCE CASE.

Insured is Bound by His Agreement With Company.

Mr. Justice Gill has dismissed the case of William Preston against the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company and P. Mercier, mis-cause, to recover \$300, the amount of a fire receipt issued by the company on the plaintiff's property, July 8, 1896. It was agreed that in case of damage by fire the claim would be submitted to arbitration. A fire did occur on July 23, the matter was referred to Felix Hecquet and Pierre Brault for arbitration, and they returned \$477.50. It was agreed by bond that the award would be final. The plaintiff was dissatisfied, however, and refused to accept the amount of the award tendered by the company. His action was dismissed, the court holding that the plaintiff had no right to claim more than the amount of the award.

U. S. ALIEN LABOR LAW.

A Senator Wants it Enforced to the Letter.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator Fairbanks has introduced a bill in the Senate to facilitate the enforcement of the Immigration and Contract Labor Law. It provides that collectors of customs on the Canadian and Mexican frontiers and at all points where commissioners of immigration are not employed are charged with the duty of enforcing the law and to the importation of laborers under contract. These collectors are empowered to employ officers of the customs service to enforce such laws and all customs officers are authorized to act both as customs and immigration officers.

THE FIGHTING IN INDIA.

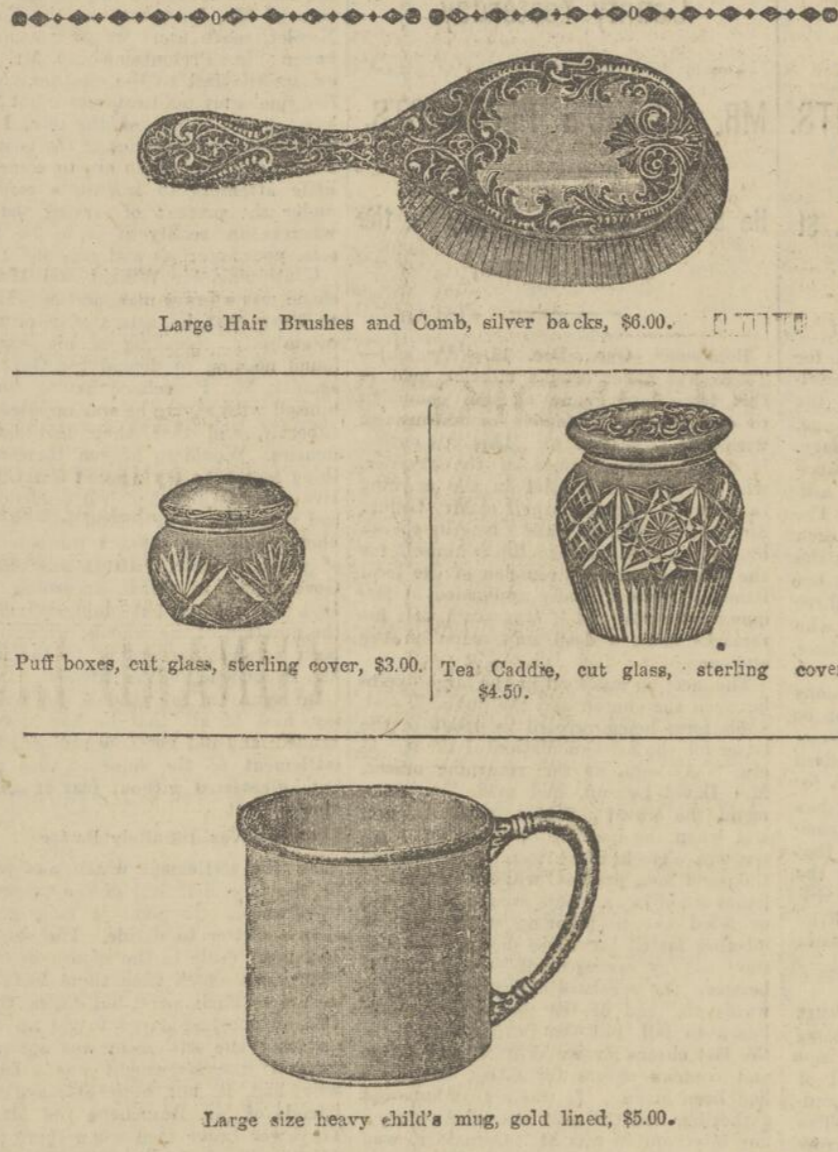
Simla, Dec. 15.—According to official despatches from the northwestern frontier the march of General Woodcock's brigade from the camp at Sher-Khel into the Sturi-Khel country was one continuous action. The enemy closed upon the rear guard and kept firing at short range with great effect. The British losses were heavy and included Lieut. West, of the Gurkhas, who was killed and Lieut. Champion, who was wounded. Two other officers received injuries and 40 men were killed or wounded.

The whole march down the Bara Valley since the 8th instant has been marked by incessant fighting, but the force has behaved admirably. The route was difficult in the extreme, through rain, mud and snow. Along the river bed the course was impeded by ravines and boulders, and



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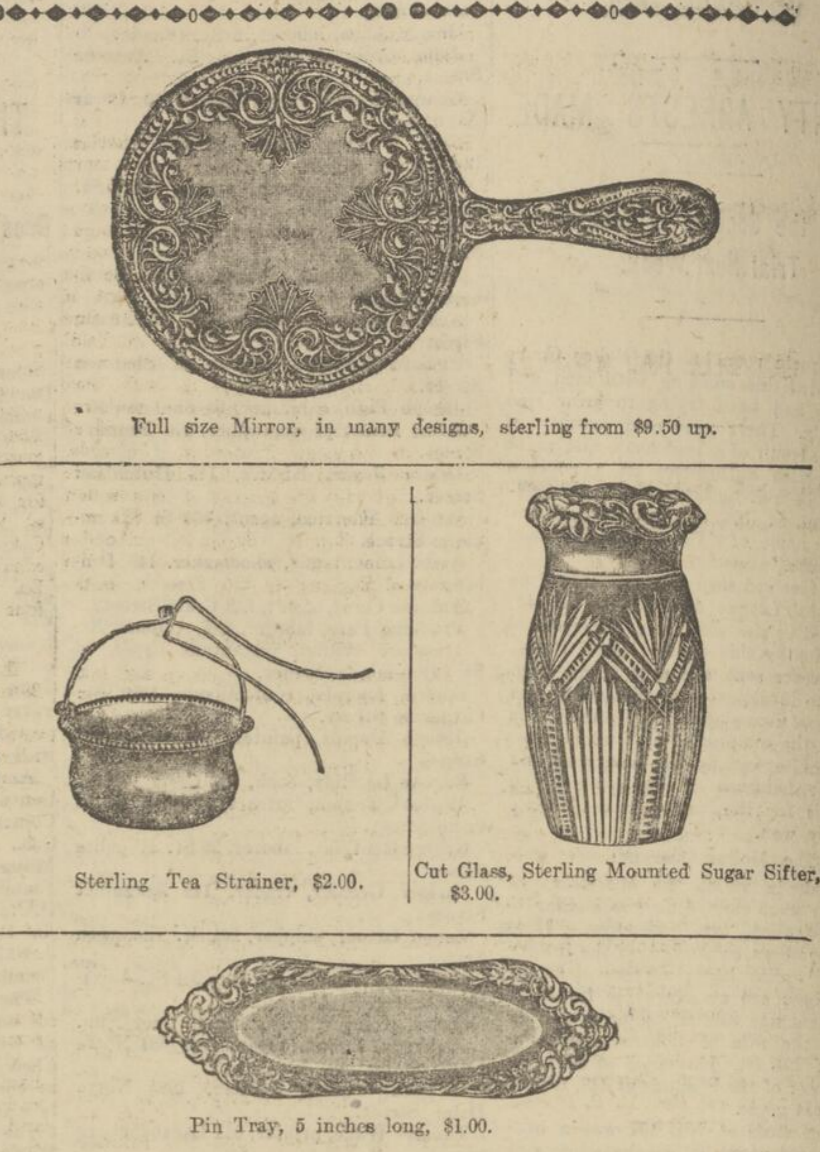


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THE CITY'S BILL IN THE LEGISLATURE.

The following is the text of the Montreal City Bill, to be presented by Ald. Rainville, M. P., who has, however reserved to himself liberty to propose such amendments as he may think proper. An Act concerning the finances of the City of Montreal. WHEREAS the City of Montreal has, by its petition, represented that it is expedient to grant it a temporary aid in order to enable it to meet its obligations and engagements, and carry out certain permanent works which are urgently required in 1898: Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislature of Quebec, enacts as follows: 1. The City of Montreal is hereby authorized to borrow and use, in 1898, the balance of the borrowing powers granted to the said city by the act 60 Victoria, chapter 60, viz: the sum of \$187,824, for the purposes mentioned in the said act: 2. The City of Montreal is further authorized to borrow a sum of \$375,000 to be used to pay the obligations and to perform the works hereinafter mentioned, which may be required and approved of in virtue of this act, in 1898, viz: (1) Judgments of courts, expenses for vaccination, subscriptions for the Queen's Jubilee, for the sufferers by fire in Casselman, and other liabilities, \$ 90,000 (2) Road Committee \$75,000 for main sewer in St. Denis Ward; \$27,000 for paving Notre-Dame St. West; \$20,000 for wooden sidewalks, and \$75,000 for other permanent works urgently required. 195,000 (3) Waterworks, for pipe-laying, reservoirs, new services, and hydrants, 75,000 (4) Health, 5,000 (5) Markets, 5,000 (6) St. Helen's Island, 2,500 (7) Mount Royal Park, 2,500 \$375,000 3. The City of Montreal is also authorized to borrow a sum of \$310,000 for the following purposes: (1) City's contribution "re" East "End" Station, \$ 100,000 (2) Damages in suspended expropriations, 125,000 (3) Increased indemnities in expropriation cases, 50,000 (4) Amount which the city might be called upon to pay re Lacroix Street Bridge, 35,000 \$310,000 4. It shall in no case be lawful to change or alter the amounts borrowed for the foregoing purposes so that an amount unexpended for one of the said objects shall be applied for any other or others; 5. The above mentioned loans shall only be effected by means of temporary obligations for terms maturing not later than the 1st of May, 1899; and shall be effected at different times, only as required in connection with the foregoing purposes and after the same have been resolved by a vote of the majority of the members of the entire council; the said obligations shall be valid only when certified by the City Comptroller to the effect that they are made in accordance with, and for the objects for which the loan in each case is authorized; they shall be signed by the mayor, the city clerk, and the city treasurer, and shall be redeemable out of the revenue account, or otherwise, and shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding 4 per cent per annum; and any loan, not effected in accordance with the foregoing conditions, and each of them, shall be illegal, null and void. 6. The council of the city shall have no power to place any loans, temporary or otherwise, or to borrow or expend on permanent work, during the year 1898, any sum of money whatsoever, beyond the sums above mentioned, except temporarily, in anticipation of the revenue in accordance with the charter; provided, always, that the city may renew, from time to time, the presently outstanding bonds, representing the proprietors' shares in street improvement, until these shall be met by the collection of the special assessments made therefor.

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IN THE PATH OF SAFETY.

There has been no more encouraging sign in Canadian politics for a long time than is to be found in Hon. Mr. Marchand's declaration of his determination to prevent any further additions to the public debt of the Province of Quebec and to cut down the annual expenditures so that they will be covered by the annual receipts. The debt has climbed up to such proportions that the payment of interest charges has become a most oppressive burden upon the people, marrowing their opportunities for individual advancement, and restricting well-intentioned governments in their desire to promote measures of immediate practical benefit to all classes of the population.

While zealous people all over the Province are appealing for increased efficiency in the school system, the Government is obliged to answer that the necessity of using so much money to pay the interest on the debt precludes any immediate hope of complying with this just demand. And so it is in a number of other branches of the administration where larger expenditures would directly contribute to the public welfare.

Mr. Marchand interprets the mandate of the people, given at the last election, as forcing upon him and his colleagues the duty of "remaining within the strict limits of revenues." Undoubtedly he has gauged the situation rightly. It was high time to notify all and sundry that public money is not a treasure to be employed by every promoter of quasi-public or purely private enterprises. The plain duty of a Government in a Province situated as this is, is to secure to all the citizens the maximum of advantage along certain lines which make for the elevation of states. It is wrong on the part of a Government to divert money to promote large special enterprises so long as what remains at their disposal is insufficient for purposes of administration of justice, the advancement of education, the care of the infirm and destitute, the improvement of public morals, the safeguarding of health and property and all the other essential services the due care of which enables a community to advance along the paths of civilization and whose neglect brings certain retrogression and, what is worse still, diminished capability for progress.

Emphatically the Premier is right when he announces his purpose of "relying with, in a certain measure upon the spirit of enterprise and individual initiative for the continuation of works, whose success, if they ever had any utility, has been secured by generous contributions from the public treasury." Every elector who has at heart the interest of the Province, and everyone to whom the common heritage of the people means something besides a fat purse which may be manipulated for the advantage of clever schemers, will applaud Mr. Marchand's warning to such persons to make an end of their plans for spending the people's money and his advice that they engage in enterprises suited to their individual or collective capacity. "It is upon this condition," he adds, "that we hope to replace our finances upon a solid basis and to maintain our Province in the first rank of consideration. Any other policy presents the alarming prospect of the downfall of our provincial autonomy."

That he did not overstate the seriousness of the condition into which the late Government was hurrying the Province, is shown by the comparison which he made of the expenditures in the last official year of Mr. Flynn and his colleagues, and the estimates with which he (Mr. Marchand) proposes to run the Province next year. The public accounts for 1896-7, recently laid before the Legislature, showed that there was a deficit between ordinary receipts and expenditures amounting to \$810,484. That was in place of the surplus of \$160,860, promised by Mr. Flynn. There was thus a difference between the late Government's forecast and the realization of \$971,348. But the difference is still greater when the result obtained is contrasted with Mr. Flynn's forecast of the total receipts and expenditure (less railway subsidies) for the same year. Mr. Flynn's estimate was as follows:—

Total expenditure (less railway subsidies).....\$4,325,159 Total receipts.....4,107,669 Deficit.....\$217,490

While the actual result, as shown by the same public accounts, was:— Total expenditure (less railway subsidies).....\$5,280,469 Total receipts.....3,923,238 Deficit.....\$1,357,231

It will be remembered that a statement of the total receipts and expenditures for the year 1892-3, established on the same basis, that was, less the railway subsidies, gave a deficit of only \$24,823, and the treasurer at that time, (Mr. Hall) led the Province to hope for constant surpluses in subsequent years. But, as has been seen, the results far from justified his expectations. The annual deficits from that date were gradually increased, until on the 30th June, last, they had attained the enormous amount of \$1,357,230.63.

As to the increase of the debt during

the term of the late Government, the excess of liabilities over assets on the 30th June, according to the budget speech of the 31st January, 1893, was \$23,641,346. From this amount should be deducted the railway subsidies then lapsed under existing laws, amounting to \$2,018,769; leaving as the total excess of liabilities over assets at that date, the sum of \$21,622,577. The excess of liabilities over assets on the 30th June, 1897, as shown in the detailed statement laid before the Legislature, was \$25,491,653. Whence it results that during the past five years, instead of having been diminished, as was pretended, the debt has been increased by \$3,869,076. This increase had taken place notwithstanding the fact that the new taxes had added an average amount of \$500,000 per annum to the revenues of the Province, during the same period, yielding for those five years a total increase in our revenue of \$2,262,452.

On the other hand the funded debt had, during the same period, grown to enormous proportions, both by the negotiation of permanent loans, destined to pay off temporary loans, railway subsidies and various other floating debts, and by heavy discounts on some of the permanent loans effected for that object. On the 30th of June last, 1897, the outstanding debentures of the funded debt amounted to \$4,196,650; while on the 30th June, 1892, according to the budget speech, it was \$2,175,320; which left a sum of \$2,021,330 to represent the increase of our funded debt from the 30th June, 1892.

This is the official story of the financing of the past five years. The people of the Province can be left to draw their own conclusions from these figures, regarding the success or sincerity of the Flynn administration's efforts to restore equilibrium. Mr. Marchand will have the hearty support of the electorate for his Government's determination "by every means in its power to avoid imposing new taxes, so long as the credit and honor of the Province does not render it imperatively necessary, and to have recourse to but one thing to restore the equilibrium that must exist between our annual expenses and receipts and to arrest the already too large increase of our liabilities—and that is to practise the strictest economy in all the details of the public service, and until the era of surpluses dawns once more, to suspend the granting of new subsidies and of all gratuities not deemed immediately essential."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Yesterday was budget day in the Legislatures both at Toronto and Quebec.

Manitoba has been so much encouraged by the good harvest of 1897 that there are now ready for cultivation 400,000 acres more than there were this time last year. This is an increase in crop area of almost fifty per cent.

Colonel Domville is now spoken of as the leader of a Klondike expedition. Pretty soon it will be necessary to call Parliament in November, so the Yukon warm spell may be held free for the convenience of members.

In the Marchand estimates for the year 1898-9 the figures of Hon. Mr. Duffy's Department are only one half of last year's expenditures. This is significant as in the past the Department of Public Works has been the greatest spender.

It will be noticeable that applying the rule of book-keeping which Mr. Hall laid down in his budget speech in 1893 the Marchand estimates are less than last year's expenditures by \$1,365,000. The Star and other Conservative papers which declared Mr. Hall's rule to be the only correct one should note this reduction.

St. John, N.B., seems to be bursting with enterprise these days. After spending \$700,000 on new harbor accommodation they have now determined to go into pork-packing on a large scale. The agricultural societies in the Province have expressed their ability and willingness to raise two, three or four times the number of hogs they now handle if reasonable prices are in prospect.

A grain merchant attributes the largely increased export of oats this year to the fact that the farmers have been able to import corn free of duty, which enabled them to sell their oats at a good profit and in larger quantities. If there is a good market for oats in the North-West, as the C.P.R.'s latest reduction would seem to indicate, the oats that remain may be parted with at still better profit, for there is plenty of corn to be had yet.

The Star should instruct some of those "special" correspondents of theirs to do better with this "movement to depose Sir Wilfrid Laurier." They are leaving altogether too much to the scare head writer. The idea of this latter individual having to write a half column heading upon the ridiculous insufficient foundation of a two-line statement put into the mouth of some unknown Liberal in Quebec! Really the work of getting up this "movement," which nobody except the unknown Liberal has heard about, should be more equally distributed by the editor of the Star.

In the newspaper reports of the annual meeting of the Institute of Marine Engineers held at Stratford, England, the other day, the following sentence, interesting to Canadians, appears in the president's address:—"In the new vessels which are to perform the mail contract between Canada and the Mother Country, a higher ocean speed is expected in proportion to length than has hitherto been realized, because a new form of hull structure is being adopted which will allow more proportionate weight to be allocated to the machinery, another instance of the material assistance towards progress that the naval architect and the marine engineer may give to each other."

The Woodstock Sentinel-Review in a recent article draws attention to the good

that has followed upon Hon. Mr. Fisher's success in having the cattle quarantine between the United States and Canada removed. "In 1894 Canada sent 236 animals to the other side; in 1895, 862; in 1896, 1,696. In the first nine months of this year 78,857 animals were shipped to the United States and sold at a profit. Much as we are indebted to prosperous natural conditions for all this success, the country owes not a little of it to the intelligent efforts put forth by Mr. Fisher." When we remember that the English cattle trade has been unprofitable to the dealers this year, we are in a position to realize yet more thoroughly the wisdom of the negotiations by which this extraordinary increase in our cattle trade with the United States was made possible.

PRESS OPINIONS. Quebec Telegraph.—"As our readers are aware Sir Adolphe Chapleau's term of office expired on the 7th instant. The question before and since had been whether he will continue in office or a successor be appointed to him. The great body of the Liberals are opposed to his continuance, and demand not only that there must be a change at Spencerwood, but that faith must be kept with one of the most trusted of their local leaders, Hon. F. Langelier, who holds a written promise of the lieutenant-governorship from the head of the Government, and yet whose just claims to the position are being seemingly ignored by the boycotting influences at work around Mr. Laurier. The issue at stake is simply whether the affairs of the Liberal party shall be controlled and its course directed by certain men who not long ago were Conservatives, and who seem to aim at strengthening themselves by an alliance with their old friends, or whether they shall be guided and shaped by those who have earned the right to direct the party compass by long and faithful adherence to the party cause. This is unmistakably the fight that is on. "As for the lieutenant-governorship, we think we are warranted in saying that the election of last week has produced the desired effect. Our information, which we regard as positive, is to the effect that Sir Adolphe Chapleau will retire from Spencerwood after the close of the present session of the Legislature."

La Presse.—"Sir Wilfrid Laurier has brought the Liberal party to power at Montreal for the first time since 1878. The Liberal party is also in power at Quebec, and it seems to me that this result should be sufficient to prove that Sir Wilfrid has no lack of ability and savoir faire. It also goes without saying that if the Premier had not attracted thousands of Conservatives to his cause and persuaded the Liberals would still be in the cold shades of Opposition."

THE CERAMIC EXHIBITION.

The attendance at the Woman's Art Association's Ceramic Exhibition this morning was even larger than yesterday, many Montreal lovers of china-painting taking advantage of this opportunity of viewing many excellent specimens of work. A large number of the more attractive pieces of work have already been disposed of, and this morning several others were marked off the list as sold. The exhibition will be open to the public on Wednesday evening, the nominal fee of ten cents now being charged for admission to prevent undesirable overcrowding among the tables.

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THE PREMIER DELIVERS HIS BUDGET SPEECH.

A Deficit of \$810,484.30, But Better Things Are Promised.

RIGID ECONOMY REQUIRED.

The Promises of Predecessors Were Not Fulfilled.

FUNDED DEBT OF THE PROVINCE.

Had Been Increased Enormously Under the Late Conservative Regime.

(By Our Own Correspondent.)

Quebec, Dec. 15.—The delivery of the budget speech was the feature of yesterday's sitting of the Assembly, which surpassed in interest all the other proceedings of a busy day. Its delivery took place when the House met in the evening after recess, and the Hon. Mr. Marchand, in his capacity of Provincial Treasurer was the orator of the occasion. The hon. gentleman achieved a distinct success. His address, which had been prepared with care, was a statesmanlike utterance, exhibiting the speaker's mastery of his subject and distinguished by the charm of style with which a correct and elegant literary taste can embellish a discourse upon such an unpropitious subject as finance. There was no attempt to exaggerate or to diminish the magnitude of the task which the Government has undertaken; useless recrimination was avoided, and the tone of the speech showed how well the Government understood the seriousness of its task and how earnestly it was determined to make a vigorous effort to rehabilitate the financial position of the Province. The closest economy would be practiced in every department of the Administration, and by this means it was hoped that the obligations of the country could be met out of current revenue, without the need of creating fresh sources of income. No rash promises were made; but their experience of past mismanagement had taught the representatives of the people to feel that the modesty of the present Government was more reassuring than the exaggerated pretensions of many of its predecessors.

Rose Amidst Cheers. It was half past eight o'clock when, on motion to go into supply, the Hon. Mr. Marchand amidst cordial cheers from his supporters rose and delivered his first budget speech. He began by saying that he had some hesitation in rising for the purpose of showing to the House the financial position of the Province. This situation he regretted to say, was not what it should be, and in order to put it on a sound basis he would be obliged to have recourse to extreme measures which he would not hesitate to adopt and for the carrying out of which he relied upon the good will and support of the members of the House. For a long period—ever since Confederation

and, therefore, had borrowed by temporary loan, \$700,000, which had been banked to replace, as far as it would go, the amounts diverted to their original destination. Several of the appropriations which had been voted were also already exhausted. The special warrants issued by their predecessors before the 26th May, had amounted to \$308,701.44, of which \$297,300.78 had been expended. On the other hand, the special warrants issued by their predecessors had been voted after taking office, amounted to \$281,828.16, of which \$255,589.49 were expended, and an examination of the purposes for which these were granted, would show that they were not provided for to meet the obligations for the year 1896-97 existing at the time of the change of Government. The previous Government had, moreover, by legislation in the last weeks of the session, imposed upon the Treasury the payment of heavy interest on the special warrants of the year 1896-97 existing at the time of the change of Government. These had to be paid, and there was nothing to justify the present Government in carrying over to the current year, debts contracted and due in the previous one. The result would have been to discharge the liability of the year by an irregular and misleading process to the detriment of the following year and to continue this overlapping from year to year, thereby concealing the actual situation.

Were in a Serious Condition, but not in a desperate one. Our undeveloped resources were vast, and the era of progress that had begun to make itself felt and had assumed considerable proportions throughout our Province showed them to foresee for it a prosperous future that would inspire confidence in the minds of all, and to convince themselves that a few years of wise and economical administration would suffice to restore its finances to a solid basis and to strengthen the important position that it occupied in the Canadian Confederation.

The situation had, therefore, become aggravated to that extent, and to improve it they had but an annual revenue decreased by at least \$300,000 in consequence of the abolition of the taxes enacted during the last two sessions. As the Government intended, by every means in its power, to avoid imposing new taxes, so long as the credit and honor of the Province did not render it imperatively necessary, it could have recourse to but one thing to restore the equilibrium that must exist between annual expenses and receipts, and to arrest the already too large increase in liabilities, and that was to practice the strictest economy in all the details of the public service, and, in the case of surpluses, to suspend the granting of new subsidies and of all gratuities not deemed immediately essential. At the same time, it should, of necessity, for that object, press the collection of ordinary revenues as well as of the arrears, of whatever nature they might be, that were due to the public treasury.

The honorable gentleman then recalled that in his budget speech of the 29th November, 1895, the then Treasurer had figured out a surplus of \$160,884.68 on the ordinary operations of 1896-97, forecasting its results as follows:—

Ordinary receipts.....	\$1,107,699.42
Ordinary expenditures.....	3,946,334.74
Surplus of ordinary receipts.....	\$160,884.68
Now, what had happened? The public accounts for 1896-97, recently laid before the House, showed that the ordinary receipts and expenses were as follows:—	
Ordinary receipts.....	\$3,374,066.22
Ordinary expenses.....	4,685,450.42
Deficit.....	\$1,311,384.20

These figures showed an enormous difference between the forecast of his predecessor and the actual result. Instead of a surplus of \$160,884.68 as forecasted, the year's operations had resulted in a deficit of \$1,311,384.20, making a difference of \$1,472,268.88 between the forecast and the realized result. This difference was still greater when the results obtained were contrasted with his predecessor's forecast of the total receipts and expenditure (less railway subsidies) for the same year. His estimate had been as follows:—

Total receipts.....	\$4,107,809.42
Total expenditure (less railway subsidies).....	\$2,796,424.54
Deficit.....	\$1,311,384.20

While the actual result, as shown by the same public accounts, was:—

Total receipts.....	\$3,374,066.22
Total expenditure (less railway subsidies).....	4,685,450.42
Deficit.....	\$1,311,384.20

How it Was Brought About. The speaker here went into details to show how this enormous difference between the financial provisions of the previous Government and the actual expenses of 1896-97 had been brought about. Both in their forecasts of the receipts and of the expenditure he said they had been mistaken. Their estimate of the ordinary receipts had fallen short by \$294,268.97 and they had overrun the estimate of their ordinary expenditure to the extent of \$677,049.91, so that between their previous estimate and the actual result there was a difference of \$971,318.88. Altogether, far from having reduced the liabilities of the Province as claimed, he maintained that the previous Government had greatly increased them, and that instead of having restored the financial equilibrium, they had overloaded the estimates of the last year of their administration with the enormous deficit just indicated. As to the assertion that the official figures of the public accounts were inaccurate and of a nature to mislead public opinion by imputing to last year's account expenses that should have been paid out of the receipts of the current year, he remarked that those who made that assertion based it upon the fact that the present Government had issued special warrants, the amount whereof was chargeable to last year. But it should not be forgotten that the debts which had rendered such warrants necessary had not originated with the present Government, but had been contracted and become payable at the time that they took office and that at that date the expenditure for 1896-97 (exclusive of railway subsidies and the repayment of railway guarantee deposits during the year) had been \$741,242.10 in excess of the revenue received to that date. To meet this deficit and the deficits of previous years mentioned in the budget speech of last session, the previous Government had used a portion of the proceeds of the loan which should only have been applied to the payment of railway subsidies. In the other hand, the present Government was determined not to continue this practice

fund required to redeem £128,551.23, increase of debt in 40 years is \$1,705,000..... \$297.67 108,826.13

Annual saving..... \$ 187.20

Against this annual saving is the amount of commutation of stamp duties on the \$688,551.23 which at 8 per cent. amounts to \$55,084.11.

Thus to gain a paltry sum of \$187.20 per annum during forty years, the Province has been compelled to pay out \$20,943.41.

The Premier's Conclusion. In conclusion, the Hon. gentleman said: "I hope that the House will forgive me for having detained it so long on so dry a subject as figures. But I considered that under the particular circumstances of the case, and in view of the necessity to office of a new Government, it was necessary to clearly define the financial situation in which our predecessors had left the Province, and to point out the policy that it would be necessary to pursue. That policy was laid down on all the hustings during the last electoral contest. We promised there to put an end to the era of deficits, not to increase the already excessive liabilities of our Province and to attain this end by means of the strictest economy. This task is all the more difficult because our predecessors, while reducing their annual revenue, have considerably increased the expenditure. They have claimed that during the past five years our liabilities had decreased, our expenditure had been reduced, and the equilibrium restored.

The statements that I have just read to the House, supported by official and undeniable figures, shows the inaccuracy of their pretensions. Instead of having decreased, our liabilities have greatly increased, and we find in the last Public Account, for the year ending on the 31st of March, a deficit of more than a million. This situation would be still more serious were we to carry out all the promises of our predecessors made since last session, when they were in office had practically acquired. At the same time, we are to fulfill them there would be one way—direct taxation. Our duty lies in remaining within the strict limits of our resources, and we will wait for the moment when our yearly accounts show a surplus, before we can consider ourselves justified in giving new gratuities, while respecting, however, the engagements to which we are legally bound. I know also that our strict duties, and accomplishing it and we will accomplish it if the members and the public who are interested, will second our efforts.

We have for a long while been accustomed to consider the Government of our Province as a benevolent institution, charged with the duty of providing for the needs of all, and to realize all our projects without exacting any return for it. A general impression prevails to some extent that the public treasury can be freely drawn upon and that no one is obliged to pay it its lawful dues. This is the reason why, while we are spending our accumulated savings in every branch of the public service to the detriment of revenue. This is why our Budget is now out of the equilibrium. Has not the time come to put an end to this ruinous system, which, if continued, can have one result—direct taxation, and to work within a certain measure upon the spirit of enterprise, and individual initiative for the continuation of works whose success, they ever possessed any vitality, has been secured by generous contributions from the Public Treasury? It is upon this condition that we hope to replace our finances upon a solid basis, and to maintain our province in the first rank of the Dominion.

Coming next to the estimate of the receipts for 1898-99, he gave the following figures of the probable revenue for that year:—

Total receipts.....	\$3,374,066.22
Total expenditure (less railway subsidies).....	4,685,450.42
Deficit.....	\$1,311,384.20

At the conclusion of the Premier's address the cheering from the Ministerial benches was loud and long.

Mr. Atwater Will Reply. The Hon. Mr. Atwater moved the adjournment of the debate, as he desired an opportunity to study the Premier's speech before he replied.

A Plea for the Hospitals. Before adjournment Mr. R. Bickerdike drew the attention of the Government to the case of the Samaritan Hospital, the Royal Victoria Hospital and the Foundling Hospital, three deserving institutions, for whose maintenance the Government had promised to provide in the estimates. Their claims had been ignored both by the late Government and the present Administration, and Mr. Bickerdike hoped that it would be yet found possible to do something to remedy the matter.

The Hon. Mr. Marchand acknowledged the merits of the institutions which Mr. Bickerdike had mentioned, and the Government had every desire to assist them; yet the hon. gentleman felt reluctantly obliged to ask Mr. Bickerdike to induce the influential gentlemen who were interested in these institutions to consider the position in which the Province was placed. He could assure him that when the finances of the Province permitted those institutions would not be forgotten. Meantime, the first duty of the Government was to restore the finances and maintain the credit and honor of the country.

The Afternoon Sitting. The afternoon proceedings included the passage in committee of Dr. de Grosbois' bill to extend the jurisdiction of the Commissioners' Courts. There was a lively fight over this measure, and one of the votes taken in committee resulted, like the vote taken at the second reading of the same measure, in a tie, the chairman presiding by means of his casting vote.

The Pharmacy Bill. Mr. Gouin's amendment to the Pharmacy Act also formed the subject of an interesting discussion, and the measure is likely to pass. It is a bill of members, who will no doubt see that justice is done to the two important classes interested and to the public.

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THE FIGHT IN THE WHEAT PIT BETWEEN ARMOUR AND LEITER. The Latter Has Made Millions in Cash Out of the Last "Corner" and Proved a Match for the Best.

The ups and downs of December wheat, which is virtually cornered in Chicago by the Leiter syndicate, caused a further commotion yesterday and today. Last week it went up until \$1.09 was reached. Yesterday it opened at \$1, went to \$1.03, and then sunk under the dollar mark completely.

Armour, who is heavily short, began the selling yesterday and the day before, when wheat took its sensational drop of seven cents.

Among the causes of that slump were the large receipts by rail and lake, and the supply for December delivery that day was increased by 425,000 bushels.

The Leiter party was said to have long 1,000,000 bushels for December delivery, while there are only 3,000,000 bushels of contract wheat in Chicago. Armour is believed to have brought down from Duluth enough wheat to cover his shortage.

Another bearish factor in the seven cent break of Monday was the Government report, showing this year's wheat crop to have been 530,000,000 bushels, or 55,000,000 more than the previous report made it. This had little weight, however, because the Government estimate is still 20,000,000 to 30,000,000 bushels lower than reliable private estimates.

Immense Profits. The Leiters are reported to have made \$400,000 on the long side of July wheat and \$700,000 by buying September wheat. They are now with navigation closed in a position to make the shorts pay heavily. But it is said that the clique is not disposed to push its advantage, but will be contented with fair profits.

The December line of the clique was taken on around 85 cents. Gossip persistently puts Keene and other Wall Street men in the syndicate with the Leiters.

The Leiter party say that they have closed arrangements to ship 5,000,000 bushels at a 12-cent rate to New York by rail. They have booked ocean room at Boston for 500,000 bushels, and at Portland for 250,000 bushels, and on Saturday they chartered two steamers at New York to take 250,000 bushels, January loading.

Low About Recent Advances. The local fish market is not very active but the demand is by no means bad. There is also quite a firm tone to some of the lines and prices are generally pretty well maintained.

There may be another slump in silver and here is what a London cable says about it: "Silver is falling simply because of the cessation of demand. America is not yet pressing. It is informed that a slump is near."

There is no special new feature to the local grain situation just at present, and trading is on the whole rather slow. That is, of course, locally. There is still quite a good export movement and the ships both from St. John and Portland are going out well loaded.

The improved demand for hay has continued and a fair trade is reported on the basis of \$10.50 for No. 1 and \$8 to \$8.50 for No. 2 per ton, in car lots.

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Wheat quiet and prices generally are unchanged. Red winter sold at \$1.18 north and \$1.17 west, and at \$2 middle freight and oats is quoted at \$2.15 to \$2.20. Spring sold at \$2.15 to \$2.20. The demand at 82 Midland and goose 70 east. No. 1 Manitoba hard is dull at 90 to 91 Port William and at 97 Midland.

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A decidedly strong tone dominated the raw sugar market in New York yesterday, and the report says: "The American Sugar Refining Company came into the market today at 89 1/2 deg. test, 3 1/2 for muscovado, 89 deg. test, and 3 1/2 for molasses, 89 deg. test. While they obtained a moderate amount of sugar at these prices it was only a small percentage of the stock held in store and on the confidence of the statements made by several of the traders at prices above mentioned had been materially reduced, inasmuch as recent developments had so strengthened sellers' views that in many instances they had advanced their ideas of prices. Some interest was reported in sugars off-shore and the lowest price named for centrifugals, 96 deg. test, was 10s 10d, which was equal to about 4 1/16."

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UNDER THE \$1 MARK. Cash Wheat Was Tame and Slow to Go Up. RAW SUGAR PRICE HIGHER.

Gossip of the Street and of the Board of Trade.

During the morning hours cash wheat got within two cents of the dollar mark in Chicago, and that was as high as it went. May wheat failed to jump around very much, holding fairly steady throughout the morning. It started at 90c and at 12:30 it was quoted at 90c. July was steady at 82c.

"Provisions," said a wire from Chicago, "are very strong. Cudahy Packing Co.'s herring is bidding \$4.42 for January ribs. Advise purchasers."

Street Gossip. "Oats," said a leading grain man on "Change," "are evidently in small supply up west, as they are already looking towards local people for supplies."

"Yesterday I received a Manitoba wire asking for a quotation for oats at Fort William, and I gave them my answer. Of course the oats would be shipped from a point pretty well west in Ontario."

At yesterday morning's session of the Stock Exchange \$6,000 bonds were sold making \$25,000 for two days. The leading brokers on the "Street" say they are receiving constant enquiries about bonds and they already quite an active demand on the exchange for them.

Money is still very easy on the street, but the rates are not materially changed. As already stated the bank statement for November will be out very shortly and it is expected to show further big gains in deposits as well as indications of further expansion in general trade.

The rate on call loans is 3 1/4 to 4 per cent, with a good many of the banks on the lookout for the latter figure.

The position of Canadian securities in London is getting interesting, particularly so as there is said to be a boom on in Grand Trunk. A cable received from London yesterday afternoon said: "Firmness and quietness characterized the market today. Argentines are still blazing, the junior issues now being wanted. Americans were buoyant early, but were checked by the news of the postponement of the Kansas Pacific division sale. Grand Trunk are strong."

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made still more protective for the public (and perhaps for the druggist), doing away with the competition of the grasping grocer, who actually sell salt, sugar and vegetables (surely drugs and herbs), not to mention laundry soap (which if eaten in sufficient quantities is a deadly poison). I would also suggest that in consideration of the small profits charged by druggists, they should be privileged creditors, exempt from taxation, and should be bonded by the government. Yours truly, One Per Cent. Profit.

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Mr. McCorkill moved for a statement of the cost of the investigation into the murder of several members of the Edy family in the parish of St. George de Clarenceville in the County of Missisquoi, up to the present time.

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Table with financial data including Grand total receipts, Grand total expenditure, and various departmental accounts.

