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THE FINANCE REPORT.

The report of the Minister of Finance is a satisfactory document, showing in clear figures how carefully the business of the country has been carried on.

The cash on hand December 31, 1895 was \$22,496.30. The cash on hand December 31, 1896 was \$93,627.26, being a much better showing. The total receipts for the year were \$1,973,321.88, and the total expenditures amounted to \$1,904,196.92. These latter can be subdivided as follows: General expenses of carrying on the Government, \$1,651,631.33; interest on all loans, \$236,459.59; matured bonds paid, \$16,000.00. Moreover, though the revenue during the past twelve months has increased, the expenditures, as compared with those of 1895, have decreased to the amount of \$104,923.27.

The total increase of revenue has been \$235,356.69—chiefly due to the Customs Bureau and the Tax Office. The former has turned in receipts amounting to \$656,895.82, being \$109,746.78 in excess of what they were in 1895, and the latter \$706,541.70, an increase of \$113,849.78 upon the collections of last year.

It is very clear that the tax campaign waged during the last Legislature has borne good fruit, and it is also clear that the revenue from this source will be still larger in 1897 than it was in 1896.

The Minister of Finance may be complimented upon the close of a satisfactory year. Outstanding current accounts are all paid, public works are progressing, there is a comfortable balance in the treasury and everything points to increased prosperity.

A DIPLOMATIC LETTER.

The Star has received a very polite letter from Mons. Vossion, the French commissioner here, in which he objects to the statement made in these columns with reference to French colonies. The Star is ever ready to make corrections, when necessary, and is quite willing to express its "amende honorable" that in its article it did not mention the "possessions" of France. It is perfectly true that France has control of Tunis, of Senegal, French Soudan of Dahomey, Madagascar, Cambodia, Annam and Tonquin. It also holds, more truly as colonies, Guadeloupe, Martinique, in the West Indies, and Pondicherry and Chandernagor in the East.

Possessions, however, are not necessarily colonies. It was the colonial side of the argument that The Star was trying to show. None of the places mentioned by Mons. Vossion are distinctly French in the sense that Australia and New Zealand are. Anglo-Saxon, or, to go even further, than the United States are Anglo Saxon. In the latter case a distinct nation has been formed, dominating in power the nations of the world, whose speech, whose laws, whose main religious tone of thought is at one with the mother country. Just as, for instance, the Greek colonies of Southern Italy and Sicily, between four hundred and five hundred B. C., were. In the former cases there is again an Anglo Saxon nation, ready, it may be, to break away from the mother country, but Anglo-Saxon to the backbone.

The Star had no intention of hurting the feelings, or of even casting an unnecessary fling at the representative of a friendly nation. It merely took up the article written by Mons. de Varigny, which had been forwarded to it and reviewed it from the colonial standpoint.

To own territories is one thing, to make them a part of yourself is an entirely different thing. It is this that was under discussion. It would be impossible for Mons. Vossion to point out a distinctly French country outside of France. French preponderance, French law he might and can show, but he cannot show a distinctly French community. If one may say so, the French cannot, or perhaps, do not care to assimilate themselves with those whom they live with.

The Star does not for an instant say that one nation is better than the other. But it merely looks at facts and takes them for what they are. The colonizing plans of the Anglo Saxon, the "brutal" Saxon he is called,

have been successful. The colonizing plans of other nations have not turned out as well. However, The Star makes full apology to the French Commissioner for any sins of omission, and will be happy to publish at any time any objections that he may have to its arguments.

The telephone, wonderful as it is, is really a very unsatisfactory instrument. Some day, someone will make an improvement, but one wishes that the "some day" would come soon. It is just one of those things which are intensely aggravating. It is good and yet it is not good enough. Long distance telephoning is almost a hopeless task. Edison says that if he could have poles three miles high, he would be able to telephone around the globe. The trouble lies not with the battery, but with leakage. As the wires approach the earth the difficulties increase, and the great electrician of the day says that the difficulties are of such a nature that they can never be overcome,—he adds: "at least not with the present human intelligence." However Edison is not the first great inventor who has been mistaken in the future possibilities of what mankind uses, and it is to be hoped that some one will make the needed improvement in the telephone.

The investigation into trusts which is going on in New York, does not seem likely to bring about any fruitful result. Exactly how the United States are going to throw off the incubus of trusts is not plain, but, reasoning from analogy, it seems more than probable that, in order to get rid of what is, on all sides, acknowledged to be an evil, there will have to be a very serious social upheaval. The rich man cannot keep on indefinitely getting richer, and the poor man cannot indefinitely keep on getting poorer. The breaking line must be reached in time. It is a serious blot upon our boasted civilization that we cannot make all mankind happy. That honest poverty has to live cheek by jowl with affluence. We cannot make it better, philosophise as we may, but we know it is not right. When will such things be put right? Echo answers—Never.

A POLITE OLD LADY.

The Madding Crowd Was Behind, but She Heeded It Not.

It was late in the afternoon and a continuous flood of humanity poured into the "L" station. She was a very polite old lady, a trifle deaf and unused to city ways. "Young man," she began, coming to the left hand side of the window. "You're out of your turn," yelled the ticket agent, snipping off tickets at the rate of 60 snips a minute and manipulating the flood of small change that came pouring into his window like a 17 handed ogre.

"You'll have to take your place in line, madam!" cried the gateman. And without a word of protest the old lady allowed herself to be thrust into position. The crowd did the rest. And in a very few minutes she had reached the window again.

"Young man," she commenced in exactly the same tone of voice as before, and at the same time placing three parcels—a potted plant, an umbrella and a huge grip-sack—upon the small shelf in front of the window. "I want to go up to my daughter's house. Her name is Mrs. Summers—Mrs. Charles Summers. I've got her address right here on this letter, and I'll read it to you, so that you can tell me the nearest station to it. 'Two hundred and—I can't see very well, the light is so poor—two hundred and eighty-seven East Eighty-eighth street.' Now, I want you to—"

"Eighty-sixth is your station," answered the agent hurriedly, and passing out a ticket. "Money, please!"

"How much is the fare to Eighteenth street?" placidly inquired the old lady. "Eighty-sixth street. Five cents!" yelled the agent, darting upon his stool in wild excitement, while the whole waiting room groaned in concert. But the old lady was perfectly cool and collected amid the general excitement.

"I understood you to say Eighteenth street before," she continued genially, at the same time very slowly extracting a \$5 bill from out the small change in her pocketbook. "You must excuse me for misunderstanding you, but I am a trifle hard of hearing. It runs in our family, although my daughter, Mrs. Summers, does not seem to have it, but she always did take more after her father than me." She carefully smoothed out the bill and handed it in to the agent, and he, despairing of remedy, hastily counted out the necessary change and shoved it toward her. The old lady added it all together herself slowly and carefully examined each piece in order to be sure of its genuineness.

By this time the line reached away into the street below, and traffic was at a stand still for blocks around. Vituperation and kicking filled the air from those ignorant of the real cause of delay. Even those at her very elbow had commenced to lose the very little patience they ever possessed.

"When does the next train leave, young man?" she questioned placidly as she started to remove her varied impediments from the shelf.

He was tempted to say that she had missed it, but feared the result. And upon informing her that it was just about to start and she must hurry if she wanted to catch it the old lady gathered up her skirts and sprinted for the platform in a style calculated to make a professional runner wilt with envy.—New York Journal.

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FEBRUARY 19, 1897.

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Mr. W. W. Dimond. VON HOLT BLOCK.

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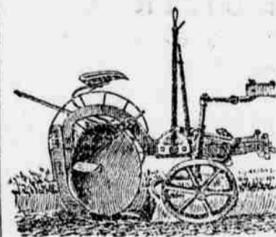
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