

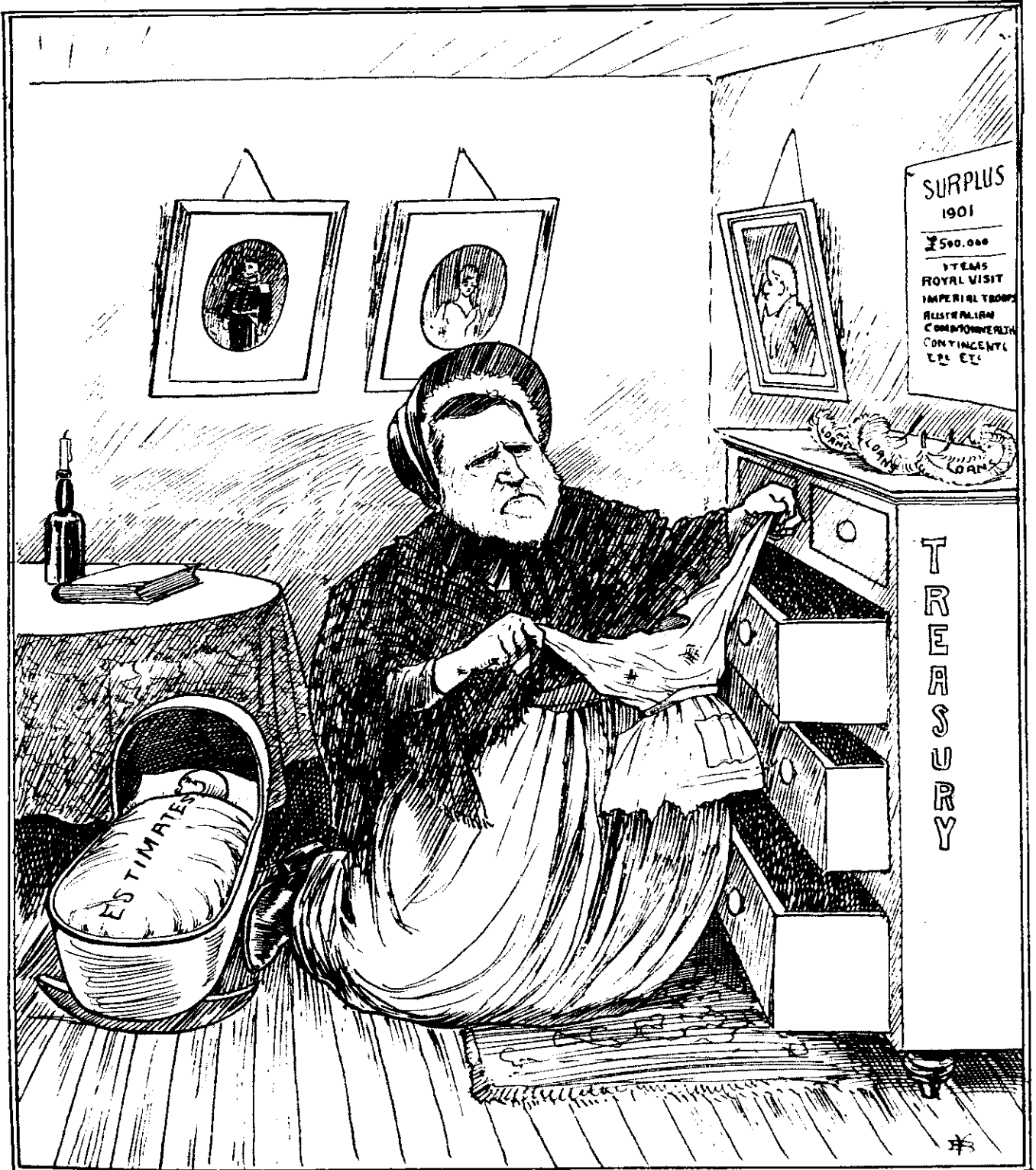
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ANXIOUS MOTHER (Hon. R. J. S.): "DEAR, DEAR, AN' THERE'S HARDLY A DECENT RAG LEFT TO PUT ON THE YOUNGSTER. I'LL HEN TUSE THE FEATHERS AFTER ALL TO MAKE HIM PRESENTABLE."

The Premier recently told a deputation that the finances of the country had occasioned him much anxiety during the last few months. In framing the estimates for the current year he was unable to make the receipts equal the expenditure.