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THE BUDGET DEBATE.

At the moment of writing, the budget debate in the Canadian House of Commons has not ended. Late last week, an understanding was arrived at between the leaders of the respective parties that the resolutions debated should be submitted to a vote on Tuesday night of this week. Intelligence in another column may show whether or no this understanding has been carried out, and, if so, with what result. The prolongation of the debate has been attributed to the necessity felt by Mr. Laurier and his lieutenants to obtain time to bring into line for the division certain recalcitrant members in their party ranks. Whatever the state of the division lists, the honors of the contest have been unmistakably won on the government side. The lengthening of the debate has been the work of the opposition, and it has been dragged out to utter weariness. As a whole, however, the debate has been an able one, enlivened, at times, by a fine display of wit and humor, and marked by much forcible argumentation.

Some of the speeches on the opposition side were clever and plausible. But much of the speaking on the Government side was unusually forcible. Some Liberal Conservative members from Ontario, not previously distinguished as parliamentary debaters, have appeared to splendid advantage in the contest. Davin, from the Northwest, greatly enlivened the conflict by a speech overflowing with Irish drollery of all sorts. The finest showing has been made by the Maritime Province members. Foster, Wood, Weldon, Skinner, Kenny, Stairs, Adams, and several others greatly distinguished themselves. But the debate, to a large extent, was merely time wasting. It served mainly to show the inconsistency of the opposition contention with its frenzied demand, on the one hand, for free trade, and its passionate palaver on the other, for a reciprocity which meant a very high scale of protectionism, and a curtailment of Canada's trade with all the rest of the world save with the United States.

Clearly, it was not fitted to secure the objects aimed at by the opposition. Possibly some good purpose may have been promoted by it, besides its revelation of the weakness of the position taken up by Laurier and his lieutenants.

PROGRESS OF THE SCANDAL ENQUIRIES. The scandal enquiries are being pressed forward at Ottawa. In the lesser one, nothing very sensational has been drawn to light during the week. More instances of the use of the dodge resorted to for drawing extra pay for extra work have been discovered. Probably more will yet be uncovered. But hitherto it has not been shown that full value for the money secured has not been rendered. The country has apparently lost nothing by the dodge. Recourse to the dodge was not creditable, but the regulation evaded is absurd.

With regard to the McGreevy scandal the main feature of the testimony given during the week has been the evidence presented by Robert McGreevy, the belligerent brother of the incriminated Thomas, who has been lying dangerously ill at Quebec. At the moment of writing, Robert's cross-examination had not been completed. What it may bring to light was not apparent, but late last week glimpses of clues to sensational classes of facts were laid hold of. Nothing may, however, come of them. It is understood that the prosecution has no other important witness to bring forward. Its case, therefore, must shortly close, if it has not already closed.

The defence is awaited with interest. It is likely, in any case, to be marked with sensational features. Sir Hector will probably enter the witness box in his own defence, and will be subjected to a rigid cross-examination. Thomas McGreevy, if able to leave his sick bed, will, no doubt give testimony. The conflict of evidence between him and his brother must necessarily be severe. A fine occasion for weighing and comparing credibilities will be offered on the occasion. On some points, we fear, Thomas will be found in the wrong, but he may be able to sweep away the grossest of the charges. However the matter ends the enquiry cannot but have a good effect. Ministers, contractors and engineers will have been taught salutary lessons.

Surprising to say, not a word on the political situation is reported from the

ex-Liberal leader, Mr. Blake. His close silence would seem to indicate that his sympathy with his party has run low.

Crop prospects continue to appear favorable throughout Canada generally, east and west. Where the outlook a short time ago seemed gloomy, the late fine growing weather has made a marvellous change for the better.

France and Russia have responded to the late Anglo-Austrian and Anglo-German naval glorifications, by a grand Franco-Russian naval display at Cronstadt. The spectacle, no doubt, was fine, but it is not likely to have a very alarming effect on the triple alliance and its British friend.

Russian troops are said to be making suspicious movements along the Afghanisthan frontier. The British Indian Government may be trusted to keep a sharp eye on these efforts, whatever they may mean.

Moncton.

July 28, 1891.—It came upon the midnight clear! What? A masculine voice in effeminate tones, oh! mamma dearest it's just too glorious to think about, I shall certainly stop breathing for very ecstasy. Without further explanation I wish to announce the arrival of an heir apparent to the Marr estate, and advise the ladies to purchase their millinery while "papa" is oh! so perfectly joyous.

Nothing worthy of descending to posterity (exclusive of the above paragraph) has occurred during the week. The short opera season, of which I made passing mention last week, has come and gone, and with it the out of town society set, who, with a large number from Shediac, came over on Friday, returning the same night, the suburban train being held until after the performance. Of the three operas, The Princess of Trebizonde, Mascot, and Erminie, I much preferred the former, although somewhat void of construction, it gives the principals sufficient scope for good work. To hear Miss Randall sing The Last Rose of summer, was worth the price of admission alone. The Mascot matinee performance was very shily attended, and consequently somewhat carelessly put on. The costumes were very disappointing, reminding one of what might have been exhumed from the ruins of Pompeii.

Decoration day exercises were exceptionally interesting, both the Oddfellows and the Knights of Pythias marched to the cemetery, preceded by the City Cornet Band, and a rearguard of citizens. A noticeable feature of the procession was the splendid equipage containing a massive Cleopatra's needle shaped pyramid of flowers, resembling a coffin on end, so much so, that a rural female mistook the mournful cortege for a funeral procession, and inquired if the man had died standing. The services at the grave were very impressive, that of the knights was composed by E. M. Estey, his maiden prayer was wafted heavenward by Knight Alex. Ford, and his own pathetic oration, perfect in every detail, except the mention of cod liver oil as a preventative of early death, brought a memorable service to a close.

Congratulations to Dr. J. E. Church, recently appointed president of the N. B. medical association.

Mr. Frank Kane, formerly of Moncton, and at present doing business in New York, is in the city visiting friends.

Weather magnificent. SILLY BILLY.

Fete Nationale.

La Convention générale, tenue à la Pointe-de-l'Eglise, l'année dernière, a autorisé le Comité exécutif d'inviter les Acadiens à se cotiser tous les ans, le 15 août, au bénéfice de quelques unes de nos institutions nationales, et à verser le montant des contributions entre les mains de M. le docteur Edouard Gaudet, de Memramcook, N. B., nommé à cette fin trésorier général.

En vertu de cette autorisation, nous, le président et secrétaire du Comité Exécutif de l'Assomption, prenons la liberté d'inviter nos compatriotes à célébrer, cette année, la fête nationale dans toutes les paroisses acadiennes, et, en autant que faire se pourra, à prélever des fonds au moyen de piques-niques, de cotisations, ou, avec l'agrément des autorités ecclésiastiques, d'une quête dans les églises, au bénéfice des deux entreprises nationales suivantes:

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Nous apprenons que les colons de Rogersville et d'Acadieville se préparent à seconder, par un grand pique-nique, l'œuvre du premier apôtre de la colonisation au Nouveau Brunswick. Espérons que les différentes paroisses du Nouveau-Brunswick et de l'île Saint-Jean y contribueront généreusement leur obole.

Quant aux Acadiens de la Nouvelle-Ecosse, nous les prions de croire avec nous que le "mémorial de l'abbé Sigogne" est étroitement lié à la conservation de notre nationalité.

A l'œuvre, donc, et célébrons tous ensemble l'Assomption, comme nos pères la célébraient dans la vieille Acadie. PASCAL POIRIER, Président. P. A. LANDRY, Secrétaire.

Ce 15 juillet 1891.

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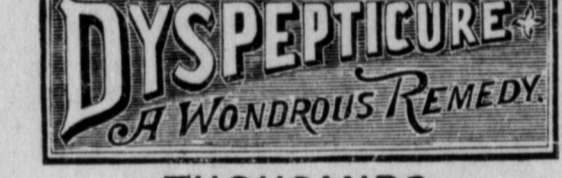
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