

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, April 29.—This afternoon the government was asked a number of questions relating to the application of the preferential tariff. The ministers tried to keep Messrs. Foster, Ives, McNeill, McLean and others down on points of order, but in the course of an hour of confused conflict of rules of house and other matters, the following statements were elicited: The Controller has not yet decided whether Belgium or Germany or the other countries have a sufficiently low tariff to be entitled to the preferential treatment, accorded to England. The government has not decided that any British Colony is entitled to a lower scale of duty, only the British islands are yet included in the lower schedule.

Rev. Mr. Douglas, of British Columbia, took up the Budget debate. Like Mr. Richardson he was disappointed with the failure of the Government to fulfill promises, but regarded the bill as notice to the manufacturers of the abolition of protection at some future time.

Clarke Wallace followed and after remarking that although the government did not come into power on the tariff question but on the school question said they had made tariff promises which they had broken. One thing they had proposed to do was to abolish the duty on raw material. They had not made a single article free in that class but had made increase in some. Mr. Wallace thinks that the spirit duty had already reached the limit of revenue production and that the proposed increase will not bring in more money but will induce more smuggling, and illicit manufacture.

After recess the debate was continued McDonald (Liberal), Bennett (Conservative), Davies, Alberta (Liberal), Kenney (Cons) and Roche (Cons.).

Wilson followed Roche and Casey, Liberal, adjourned the debate.

It is thought the debate will close tomorrow. The discussion on the details will probably occupy some weeks and may begin next week. It will be decided tomorrow whether an amendment will be proposed to the whole bill. This is sometimes done and sometimes not.

Mr. Merry Del Val, the papal ablegate, had a seat in the house this afternoon. He paid his respects to Mrs. Edgar and the Speaker. He was an attentive listener to the disputes and points of order.

OTTAWA, Ap. 29.—If there is a division on the budget the government majority will be 49. The debate is petering out and may collapse at any moment. It was expected to last two or three weeks, but two or three days is quite enough of the kind.

Yesterday's proceedings consisted of a charge by Mr. Davin that a post-mistress in British Columbia had been dismissed; first, because she had lost her husband who was a soldier and had served the empire, and secondly because her husband had been a Conservative.

Mr. Davis showed that the husband had sold illicit whiskey while running a temperance hotel in the Northwest and was killed while drunk.

Col. Prior, Conservative, said that the husband was a Liberal, and a ministerialist called out, "Of course he is; he is in heaven." It was shown that the woman was not a widow when dismissed and that she was in the habit of flourishing a revolver in the post office when the miners called. Conservatives had petitioned for her removal. Thus another scandal was exploded.

In reply to Mr. Gillies, Mr. Laurier said W. C. Chisholm was removed from office of Indian agent at Heatherston, N. S., in November last and Mr. McDonald appointed in his place.

Mr. Ellis enquired whether Halifax, St. John or both were to be the Canadian winter terminus of the fast Atlantic line, that being the statement of the finance minister in 1894.

In answer, Mr. Laurier said, "The government is aware of the statement referred to. The whole matter regarding which information is asked is undergoing careful consideration by the government and as soon as arrangements are completed they will be brought down. It is not possible to give any details so long as the matter is under consideration."

The debate on the budget was resumed by Mr. McMullen and continued by Messrs. Sproule and Richardson, who read Kipling's poem on Canada's new policy, and Messrs. Kloeffer and Douglas will continue the debate tomorrow. The house adjourned.

OTTAWA, May 1.—A mild protest against the time of the house being occupied on the orders of the day by the bringing forward of trivial matters was entered yesterday by Mr. Laurier and the rebuke was not uncalled for. It was especially hard on Mr. Casey who was to resume the debate on the budget and had his little bantling already at 3 o'clock, but had to nurse it for nearly two mortal hours before the order for resumption of the debate could be reached. A number of private bills were introduced and one public bill, a score of questions were asked and answered, the operation of the new tariff was discussed, and the small-pox at Victoria and the regulations for lobster fishing, and the patriotic poems on Canada, by Ruydard Kipling, these were entered before the regular bill of fare was reached.

QUESTIONS.

Under questions Mr. Casgrain was informed that Mr. Gastonguay, station master on the Intercolonial Railway at St. Charles, had been dismissed for offensive partisanship on the recommendation of Mr. Talbot, and Mr. Bouchard appointed to his place.

Mr. Blair was in his place for the first time in several days, having been indisposed.

Sir Hibbert Tupper inquired what reasons there were for the dismissal of W. B. Moore, fuel inspector on the I. C. R. Mr. Blair said that he had been removed on the ground of economy and that no one had been appointed in his place.

Mr. Lemieux asked "Whether it is the intention of the government to give effectual aid towards the extension of the Baie des Chaleurs Railway to Gaspé Basin."

Mr. Laurier replied: Whenever a responsible company submit proposals for the extension of the road the government will be disposed to consider the project with a view of determining how far it may receive assistance.

Mr. Borden, of Halifax, had two questions on the paper, but was not in the house, so they were put up by another member. The reply to the first was that Mr. J. F. Stewart, had been dismissed from the office of postmaster at Upper Musquodobit for offensive political partisanship upon the representation of Mr. Russell, M. P. No investigation was made.

The second question was, whether the government had given any promise or other assurance of a subsidy in aid of the construction from Sunny Brae, Pictou county, to any and what place in the county of Halifax or in the county of Guysboro.

Mr. Blair replied: "No action has been taken on the application for a subsidy."

Mr. Robertson asked if the government had further considered the copyright act of 1889 to which Mr. Laurier replied that in view of the objection of the colonial office the government has not up to the present time pressed the matter any further.

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St. John's, Nfld., May 2.—The French brig Amadee from St. Milo, which arrived at St. Pierre to-night, brought four more survivors of the lost brig, Valliant, which foundered as a result of striking an iceberg off Grand Banks April 14th. These four were the only survivors of a boat load of twenty-one men who left the sinking vessel in the ship's life boats, seventeen having perished from exposure and frost bites. The bodies of the seventeen dead were thrown overboard and the survivors kept themselves alive by eating the flesh and drinking the blood of a dog belonging to the vessel. The seventeen who died suffered excruciating tortures. The survivors are very weak. Two will lose all their limbs, and the other two will lose their feet as a result of frost bites. The men relate a story of a fierce struggle on board the life boat, the men quarrelling about the division of the flesh of the dog which was killed the third day out. The men were rescued at midnight on the sixth day. They were so weak they could not hail the vessel which picked them up. The story told by the survivors that the dog food was all they had to eat is discredited here by many. It is feared and believed by many that they also were compelled to resort to human flesh.

Preparing for a Great Battle.

LONDON, May 2.—A despatch from Athens says: Both the fleets remain idle. The populace continues indignant at the filling of railway carriages with the crown prince's baggage in the flight from Larissa. The people say they have been cheated and betrayed. They are angry also at the neglect of the movement to call out the exempted reserves who are for the most part relatives of ministers, deputies aristocrats. A band of two thousand irregulars start for the front to-morrow, their standard bearer being a nineteen-year-old girl.

A despatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, to the Gaulois agrees that M. Ralli, the Greek Premier, has semi-officially intimated that Greek will accept the mediation of the powers. On the other hand, it is stated that Turkey will be satisfied with the payment of a war indemnity, guaranteed by the temporary surrender of the Greek fleet. The Gaulois adds: "The Sultan, now conscious of his strength in consequence of the Turkish success in Thessaly is resolved to claim sovereignty over Egypt or obtain more effective recognition thereof."

LONDON, May 1.—M. Ralli, the new Greek premier, has announced his intention of calling to arms every able-bodied man in Greece.

ATHENS, May 1.—It is rumored here that Colonel Vassos is about to be recalled from the island of Crete. The Turks are preparing to besiege Arta.

NEW YORK, May 1.—The French liner La Gascoigne took 350 Greeks homeward bound to-day. The company marched to the steamer in a body from the Greek headquarters in this city cheered by their friends.

ATHENS, May 1.—A great battle is soon expected in the vicinity of Pharsalos between the Greeks and Turks. It will be the great fight of the campaign and upon its results depend the fate of Greece in the war. While there are all sorts of rumors regarding peace negotiations, nothing definite can be learned here.

M. Ralli, the new Premier is for war, and the people are for war, so war it is likely to be for at least one great fight.

Athens is quieter to-day over the change in Premiers, and the demand of M. Ralli upon the populace to strengthen his hands by preserving order.

St. PETERSBURG, May 1.—Count Muraviev, the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs and Count Goluchowski the Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs have despatched identical notes to the Russian and Austrian representatives at Belgrad, Serbia; Sofia, Bulgaria; Bucharest, Rumania and Cetinje, Montenegro expressing satisfaction at the correct attitude which the Governments of these countries present during the present crisis, adding that this attitude harmonizes all the more with the wishes of the two sovereigns, the Czar and Emperor Francis Joseph as they are firmly determined to uphold universal peace and the principle of the status quo.

The London newspapers are paying much attention to the Canadian tariff debate. They endorse the proposals of Premier Laurier and denounce those of the opposition, especially Sir Charles Tupper. In the House of Commons Tuesday Sir Charles Vincent gave notice of the following motion: "The House expresses grateful and fraternal recognition to the government and people of the Dominion of Canada for the generous fiscal changes in favor of British trade and labor announced on Friday by the Parliament at Ottawa and already in force and hopes this first step towards a commercial federation of the empire will be followed by Australia, South Africa and the other colonies." Sir Charles Vincent also moved that in view of the great increase in the imports of foreign manufactured articles and the consequent loss of employment to the working people of the country such goods should pay a toll of 10 per cent., the proceeds to be devoted to a fund for providing pensions for deserving help-less persons over 66 years. Mr. Balfour said it was dangerous to admit a resolution to protect manufactures without also protecting husbandry. The motion was negatived.

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