

OUR OTTAWA LETTER

OTTAWA, April 2nd.—It would be a good thing if every elector could spend a week at Ottawa during the Session of Parliament. He would realize a distinct advantage in being able to see the men who lead the respective political parties and hear them speak. Such an experience would do much to give him a clear and correct view of the position of parties, their sincerity of purpose and relative strength, both in numbers and principles. He would also learn the useful lesson that one must never expect to hear the virtues of the Government from Opposition speakers. Judging by all they say and do, Opposition members sit in Parliament for the purpose of finding fault with the Government, of implying a crooked motive for nearly everything that is done, and of picturing the disaster and desolation which must certainly descend upon a country that tolerates such corruption and villainy in high places. He would at the same time discover, however, that there is a world of difference between suspicion and proof; and he would go away with the fact impressed upon his mind, that it is an easy thing to make sweeping charges when no particular responsibility attaches to the act.

I may be wrong, but it seems to me that a visitor sitting in the gallery for the past two weeks, and listening to the speeches made on both sides, would most certainly go away a confirmed Grit. There has been a perfect deluge of talking from the Opposition members, spreading over the whole field of political questions, most of it poured forth in a spirit of bitter hostility and unreasoning prejudice; yet the fair-minded listener, desiring merely to know the truth, and caring little for the game going on below, would inevitably find his judgment leaning toward the Government.

The Tories are evidently filled with serious alarm over the announcement that the Government contemplates introducing a Redistribution Bill during the present session, and they are vehemently declaring that such a thing would be an outrage against the Constitution. Sir Charles Tuaper took this ground in his opening speech; but Sir Wilfrid Laurier made reply that it is always constitutional to correct an existing wrong. Sir Charles holds that the British North America Act permits a redistribution only after each decennial census; but Sir Wilfrid maintains, on the other hand, that there is nothing in the Constitution which prevents a re-adjustment of boundaries, so long as the number of seats remains the same. At heart, the Tories care nothing about the Constitution. What they fear is the correction of the criminal carving up of constituencies as done by them in 1882 and 1891, when, as everybody knows, they succeeded in "hiving the Grits" in such a way as to give a distinct advantage in scores of constituencies to themselves. Backed up by a strong majority in the House these gerrymanders were carried out with a shameless disregard of fair play or decency. Surely Parliament has some right to restore constituencies thus distorted to something like their original county boundaries. The Tories are even now threatening to meet such a measure with blockade tactics, which would carry the session through the sweltering summer and into the fall. They may do this; but it would hardly strengthen them in the good judgment of the people at large.

The Conservatives, both in the House and in the country, are fairly staggered by the tremendous increase which has taken place in our foreign trade since the Liberals came into power. During all the eighteen years between 1875 and 1896 it was the favorite threat of the Tories that commercial disaster would swiftly descend upon the country if a change of Government occurred. The change of Government has come; but the cyclone of trouble seems to be yet beyond the horizon. In all the history of Canada there have not been three such prosperous years as those which have intervened since 1895. Our total foreign trade has increased by a little over \$80,000,000, as compared with a falling off of more than \$23,000,000 during the three years preceding the incoming of the Liberals. This tremendous advance has been divided between exports and imports to the advantage of the country, \$50,000,000 being in exports and \$30,000,000 in imports. The Opposition members find it difficult to meet the plain lesson of a stupendous fact of this character, and the best they can do is to quibble and equivocate over the relative measure of credit due to themselves and the Government for this happy condition of things. While the politicians are fighting over this aspect of the matter, the people at large may at least congratulate themselves on the fact that Canada has entered upon a period of unparalleled prosperity, notwithstanding the other fact that a Liberal Government is in power.

One of the funniest things arising out of the debate on the Address, is the charge made by Opposition members and their press that the Premier "attacked" Sir Charles Tupper. It is said that Sir Wilfrid used bitter and offensive words towards the Leader of the Opposition, and one would think from this that the wilson war horse of Cumberland was fretting himself sick over a few plain statements about himself. What Sir Wilfrid really said to arouse all this whining criticism

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was summed up in a single sentence, in which he implied that when Sir John Macdonald and Sir Charles Tupper were in charge of the ship of State, one supplied the brains and the other the wind. This may not have been exactly complimentary to Sir Charles; but it was fulsome flattery as compared with some of Sir Charles' own outbursts against the Premier and his colleagues during the past two sessions. On nearly a score of occasions the Leader of the Opposition exhibited himself in the role of a scolding, sputtering and angry man, belching forth torrents of personal abuse in the strongest possible language. His friends rather admired all this, speaking of it as indicating his vigor, both of mind and body. It encouraged them in the view that it was still a terrible thing to fall under the anger of an aroused Tupper, and feeling in that way they ought at least not to complain if their champion was treated to a homeopathic dose of his own medicine.

Mr. Foster made rather a long speech in reply to Sir Wilfrid Laurier; but some how very little seems to have been said about it, either in the newspapers or among the members. It was a fairly good speech, quite up to his usual standard; but what everybody was expecting him to say was something about the recent catastrophe in New Brunswick. He had returned fresh from that interesting struggle, and it was expected that he would have some explanation to offer as to the remarkable disparity between the forecasts made at Moncton in July last, and the results as tallied up on the night of the 18th February. But Mr. Foster was silent on this subject, and being thus silent he robbed his speech of the chief feature of interest which it was expected to contain. Perhaps later he may unburden his troubled mind on the subject.

The Americans are becoming exercised over the effect which the deepening of our canals will have on the transportation problem, as it affects the carriage of western products to the Atlantic seaboard. They realize that with a fourteen feet water way from the upper lakes to salt water a large volume of the grain now carried through American channels will find an outlet by way of the St. Lawrence in summer, and possibly by way of Canadian ports during the winter. The Conservatives also see the possibilities in this regard, and Sir Charles Tupper is very anxious to have the country understand that the deepening of the canals was distinctly the policy of the late Government. This is no doubt partly true; but it was a very feeble and halting policy. At the rate the work was being carried on under the Conservatives, the canals would not have been completed for the next twenty years. What Mr. Blair did was to grasp the situation in a statesmanlike way, realizing the need for prompt action and the national benefit that would accrue therefrom, and letting out the work for completion by the opening of navigation this spring. If he had followed along in the dawdling fashion adopted by his predecessors, the expectations of our Maritime people would be no nearer of realization now than they were ten years ago. Nothing that Sir Charles Tupper can say will prevent the Canadian people from seeing just what measure of credit attaches to the enterprise and judgment of the Minister of Railways and Canals.

The House was lively the other night when Mr. Tarte spoke. Mr. Tarte is a favorite target for the gibes and innuendoes of the Opposition, and he comes in for a large measure of hostile criticism. The reason for this is obvious. He is a shrewd and clever man, a fearless fighter, an able organizer, and a very considerable power in the Province of Quebec, as well as in the country at large. He is at the head of a large spending Department, like Mr. Blair, who is in charge of a similar Department as respects expenditure, and it is considered good party tactics to imply that he is a rogue. To those who are not influenced by these prejudiced and unwarranted views it would have been an inspiring sight to see this plucky little man facing his opponents the other night, parrying all their thrusts and challenging them into silence to bring forward a single proof of the things which they dared only insinuate.

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How much for a license? Count the price of the home; Of the tears that are shed in its anguish and gloom; Count the happiness lost on the vote that you gave When you voted the license that made man a slave, What price was to pay?

How much for a license? Count the price of her life, Whom your children called mother and whom you called wife; Who died of her grief, heart broken away, That her home was left bare of its bread day by day, The license to pay.

How much to pay? Count the price of one soul, Multiplied by the names on eternity's scroll, Of those who have gone, once in manhood's strong pride, Then add those who through them have suffered and died— What's the price, did you say?

How much is to pay? You count out the gold, But the price to be paid has never been told, Count the measure you mete out your neighbor to-day, To be meted you back—but in God's time and way, 'Tis a debt you must pay!

THE SERPENT'S TRAIL.

SOME CANADIAN SPECIMENS.

A married man named Lansley, who had been drinking very heavily, attempted suicide by cutting his throat in Toronto, on Wednesday, Feb. 1st.

Among the news from Vancouver, B. C., of February 15th, was an account of the arrest of a boy of eight years, who was taken up in a shocking state of intoxication. He was conveyed to his home, but became so violent that his mother requested to have him locked up.

A shocking crime was committed at Hamilton, Ont., on Wednesday, Feb. 8th. A man named Parrot, debilitated by strong drink, brutally murdered his mother with an axe. Punishment will, no doubt, be meted out to the wretched man, while those who made money out of his drunkenness will not be asked by the court to explain their conduct which is authorized by law.

A press despatch from Chesley, Ont., dated February 25th, reports a case of shocking brutality on the part of Charles Haines, a confirmed drunkard, who announced to his family at midnight, his intention of setting fire to their home. His wife and children rushed from the house. Her mother attempted to get the child free, and was severely bitten by the drunken ruffian.

THE CURSE SPREADING.

Shiplode of rum and beer are being sent to Porto Rico, Cuba, and the Philippines. So say the papers. For this spreading of the liquor curse the United States is directly responsible. Is it to be that our acquiring control of those islands is to be followed by our inflicting the rum curse upon the helpless inhabitants and thereby ruin them, "in the interests of trade," as we have ruined the Indians? Is the greed of the rum power, with its ability to dominate in its own interests, the policy of the Government to make our possessing those islands a curse instead of a blessing to the inhabitants? The Almighty crowned our army and navy with signal victories, and thereby opened for us the opportunity of being the messengers of peace, good will and prosperity to those islands. Shall we disregard His mercies by ungratefully inflicting upon His children the woe of drunkenness and inebriety.—Religious Telescope.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Arrangements are under way between the American War Department and the representatives of an English gun-making establishment, looking to the immediate shipping of four mountain batteries to Manila.

Quebec banks have decided from this date to charge a discount of 25 cents instead of 15 cents on American cheques. They find that bank drafts are being largely superseded by personal cheques that cost the sender nothing.

During the past year the Department of the Secretary of State issued 93 passports to Canadian journeying to foreign lands where such documents are required. Of this number 13 were for Chinese who are naturalized British subjects.

Hon. Mr. Tarte told a Kingston deputation that no dredging could be done in the harbour this year. The dredge had been promised to another port on the Saguenay. The work at Kingston will be completed during the season of 1900.

IN BED FOR WEEKS.

Mr. Lewis Johnston, living near Toledo, Leeds Co., Ont., says that he had Rheumatism so bad that he was confined to bed for weeks. Two doctors did him no good. In one week after taking Milburn's Rheumatic Pills he was out of bed and is now cured.

THE ONLY DOUBT.

Wife (on board a ship, trying to comfort her seasick husband and change the current of his thoughts)—Darling, has the moon come up yet? Husband (groaning)—It has if I swallowed it.—Boston Globe.

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