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OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

OTTAWA, 12th May.—If any doubts have heretofore existed with respect to the position which Sir Charles Tupper occupies as a political economist, they may now be set at rest. Sir Charles has made a statement on the subject, and with that same modesty which led him on a famous occasion to declare "I am the history of Canada," he has admitted that he is himself the greatest political economist in the Dominion. It cannot be said that the confession was made either reluctantly or blushing; on the contrary, there was an air of what seemed like boastfulness about it. It was certainly made in a manner which left no doubt as to his own strong belief in the fact. Nor was there the slightest tremor of uncertainty in the further declaration, that while there might be here and there a Conservative who also knew a little about the important science of political economy, it would be a wicked waste of time to look among the Liberals for a man who had the faintest knowledge of the business of running a government. This announcement will be a great shock to the people of Canada, who have been thinking that the Liberals were really making a good fist of administering public affairs; but now it transpires that the electors in their blindness have turned out the only men who knew anything about carrying on an Administration and have put men in who know no more about it than the Patagonians. What a pity!

Sir Charles, has not, however, been in a mood lately which would suggest that he was giving proper play to his better judgment. In fact, he has seldom been seen to worse advantage than during the past week—which is saying a good deal. Angry and vituperative as he often was last session, he has even been more terrible this session. There have been times when his friends must have felt anxious lest the effort to find stronger and bitterer adjectives might bring on apoplexy. It was probably this feeling of apprehension which made many of them so restless, although there is the possibility that their agitation was due rather to a sense of shame than this bellowing, scolding, garrulous and furious old man was their leader—the head and front of a once great party. Whatever may have been their actual feelings on the subject, Sir Charles is not only the best man which the Conservative party has to lead the Opposition but he is also the only man in sight who is capable of taking that important position. They must therefore put up with his defects.

Mr. Foster had also made an important deliverance of a personal character during the past week. He solemnly assured Parliament on Thursday last that, contrary to the notion which some of his friends entertained, he was not the least jealous or envious of the success of the Minister of Railways; nor was he afraid of him. It had been suggested that he might be actuated by considerations of spite against Mr. Blair. "Oh No," said Mr. Foster, with manifest emotion. "May the sails always set to a full breeze for my hon. friend. May there be nothing too good to give to him in purse or in store." That he followed up this confession of kindly sentiments with a particularly venomous attack on the Minister of Railways should not be taken perhaps as casting suspicion on the sincerity of his words.

Since the New Brunswick elections it would appear that Mr. Foster's feelings towards Mr. Blair have been much modified, and any little antagonism which prevailed in the past has been supplanted by a genuine friendliness and kindly interest in the Minister's personal and political welfare.

The chief event of the week was the introduction of the Drummond County Railway resolutions. The Minister had been prepared for some time with this measure; but for one reason and another the Opposition succeeded in staving it off. Then when Mr. Blair proposed on Thursday to take up the matter, the Conservatives raised a frightful howl because the agreement of a year ago was not actually at that moment on the table. This was a purely factious objection, put forward without the least sincerity, since this agreement was before the House last session, was before an investigating committee for months, and has been outlined in every newspaper in the land; but there was a desire to block the Minister and this was the pretext seized upon. For more than four hours the Tories kept up the blockade, and it was after nine o'clock at night when Mr. Blair got started.

There have been exhaustive and important speeches made by Ministers of Railways in the past; but it is safe to assume that a more thorough or complete presentation of a railway measure was never before made to the House than that which Mr. Blair made on Thursday last. The importance of the occasion warranted this effort. The attack on the Drummond County Bill has not only been most desperately carried on by the Conservatives; but the whole matter has been made the subject of more misrepresentation and unfairness of criticism than any other piece of policy adopted by the present Government. When, however, the Minister had finished his four hour speech there was little left to be said in an adverse sense respecting the measure, and he was quite properly the recipient of the hearty congratulations of his friends.

It had been asserted by Sir Charles Tupper in the afternoon that the Drummond County Railway was hawked about at \$500,000, and could have been bought for that price, whereas the Government was now proposing to pay \$2,000,050 for it. Similar statements have appeared in all the Conservative papers, and in all the elections Opposition speakers have asserted that this was a monstrous and corrupt bargain. They always speak of it as "a deal." The Minister first dealt with this view of the case. He challenged Sir Charles Tupper, or Mr. Haggart, to produce any proof of the allegation that the Drummond County road had ever been offered for \$900,000. Supposing, however, that it could have been purchased for that figure, he pointed out that the line at that time had only been completed to St. Leonard, which left it 71 miles short of its present length. To complete the remaining section had cost the company more than \$1,000,000. He then proceeded to defend the proposed purchase on strictly business grounds, and on its merits. This was perhaps the most impressive part of the Minister's address.

The price proposed to be paid to the Drummond County Railway is \$12,000 per mile, and Mr. Blair asked how this figure compared with the purchases made by the late Government of other railways. For the River du Loup branch purchased by Sir Charles Tupper the price paid had been \$12,000 a mile; but there was this important distinction:—That road had neither rails or sleepers. It was simply a road way, and to put it in running shape the Government had to spend \$5,600 more per mile, making the cost \$17,600 per mile. That line had been subsidized to the extent of \$10,000 per mile; yet there had been no talk of deducting that sum from the price paid. The St. Charles branch in the province of Quebec had cost the late Government \$136,000 per mile, or \$70,000 per mile over and above the land damages. The Oxford and New Glasgow extension of the Intercolonial had cost \$26,700 per mile, while the Cape Breton railway took \$33,000 per mile. In the face of these figures, Mr. Blair very heartily asked how the Opposition could reasonably object to the purchase of the Drummond County Railway, which was in every respect a first-class line, at \$12,000 per mile.

The cost of carrying on the Intercolonial during the past two years was fully and ably dealt with by the Minister. He accounted for the deficit of the last fiscal year by showing that Mr. Haggart, for the purpose of making a good showing in 1893 had delayed the work of laying new ties and making other necessary repairs from the spring until after the 1st July. The change was contrary to all good railway practice, and was really injurious to the road. To return to the original and proper rule involved the charging up of two years' repairs in one. This represented an additional outlay of \$150,000, which went a long way towards meeting the deficit of \$209,000. The Minister also made it plain that he had very much improved the general equipment of the Intercolonial, and he said he would not be surprised if it should turn out to be larger than all the combined surpluses since Confederation. This was not welcome news to the Conservatives. They have been talking a great deal about the mismanagement and wasteful administration of the present Minister of Railways. From time to time leading Conservative newspapers have been loaded up with misleading and mischievous statements calculated to prejudice public judgment with respect to the affairs of the railway. Every device has been resorted to by opponents of the Government to belittle the Minister and deceive the public. Mr. Blair's friends will, therefore, feel considerable satisfaction on learning that he has successfully met all these obstacles and has brought the Intercolonial to a state of efficiency which will enable it not only to accomplish the desirable result of making funds meet, but of realizing a handsome surplus. The acquisition of the Drummond County line, enabling the Government railway to enter Montreal and secure through traffic, has been an important factor in bringing about this happy result.

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A GOATS FATAL \$10 DINNER.
(From the Philadelphia Record.)

FRACKVILLE, Pa., May 9.—The appetite of a pet goat was excited to a high degree by Charles Wagner of this place, who tickled the animal's nose with a \$10 bill. The goat suddenly lunged forward, snatched the greenback, chewed it up and swallowed it. This was a fatal move for him, for he was promptly killed and the bits of the bill were taken from his stomach. They will be sent to Washington to be redeemed.

"PIMPLY" FACES.

OVERLOOKED.

Mrs. Brown—It is a wonder that Mr. Meek never married. I am sure he would have made an excellent husband. Mr. B.—Yes indeed. It is a pity that nobody asked him.

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HON. JOHN COSTIGAN.

A REPORT FROM OTTAWA THAT HE HAS FORMALLY LEFT THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY.

An Ottawa despatch to the St. John Sun says:—"Mr. Costigan yesterday formally announced his secession from the liberal conservative party and his adherence to the ministerial platform and policy. In an interview he said yesterday:

"I do not think that the men who now pose as representatives of the old conservative party, to which I belonged and still belong, are by any means the representatives of the conservative instinct in Canada in politics. I have left these people, and I have no objection to your saying so."

Sir Charles Tupper, speaking of the matter last evening, said:

"I am not at all surprised to see the announcement Mr. Costigan has made that he now belongs to the government party. I think the correspondence read in the house by Dr. Roche discloses fully the humiliating position to which Mr. Costigan placed himself. The difficulty will be for the government to defend the means by which they had acquired his support rather than for any person else to explain it. All I am surprised at is that Mr. Costigan has not sufficient self respect to leave the front benches of the Conservative party. It is too late for him to raise any question of principle as the ground upon which the separation between himself and the conservative party has been made. The discussion of the papers to be brought down by the minister of inland revenue, moved for by Mr. Roche, will leave no room for doubt in the mind of any person how Costigan's support was obtained by the party in power. The government need have no anxiety about his vote so long as they retain power. After what has already taken place between him and the government it is clear the less Costigan talks about independent action the better."

J. P. MOWAT'S DEATH.
(Montreal Star, 10th.)

J. P. Mowatt, a prominent merchant and lumber dealer of Campbellton, N. B., died this morning at the Royal Victoria Hospital. Mr. Mowatt had been in the hospital about four weeks.

Death was due to general breaking down. He was about fifty years of age. Some seven years ago Mr. Mowatt, who was always a very active man, was removing some goods from a burning I. C. R. warehouse at Campbellton, N. B., when on rolling a barrel containing varnish, the liquid exploded, and the whole burning contents were spread over him. He was taken from Campbellton to the Montreal General Hospital for treatment. Both his ears were burned off, one eye was destroyed, and the healing skin subsequently grew over the remaining eye. His hands were horribly burned and the lower portion of his body badly scorched.

Although he recovered sufficiently to attend to his extensive business, he has at different intervals undergone treatment at the hands of specialists in the Montreal hospitals, and it was with the same intention that Mr. Mowatt was confined to the Royal Victoria Hospital on his last trip to the city.

The remains were taken back to Campbellton for interment.

COOK'S SURE COUGH CURE.

THE QUEEN AT HOME.

LONDON, May 15.—Queen Victoria arrived in London to-day from Windsor, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of York and her suite, and drove to Kensington Palace, the party occupying a number of open four-horse landaus, with postillions in blue and white red-coated outriders, and escorted by a detachment of the horse guards. Crowds of enthusiastic people lined the route to the palace, where Her Majesty visited the old apartments which she occupied as a young girl, which have been renovated preparatory to opening the palace to the public.

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"Give me the baby to hold, my dear," is the name of a new song. You won't hear many married men singing it.

The shell always has the bulge on the oyster, and would win if some one with a knife didn't help the oyster out.

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