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OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

OTTAWA, 5th May.—Those who anticipated an exceptionally favourable Budget were not disappointed on Tuesday last. It was unquestionably the best, from a purely national standpoint that has ever been presented to a Canadian Parliament. There were no ugly or discouraging facts to be explained away, nor things to be spoken of in the hope that they would not recur. The speech itself was a masterly effort, and it was abundantly illustrated by statistical information of the most inspiring character. The country would seem to have entered upon an era of extraordinary buoyancy, and every Canadian must rejoice in the splendid showing that we are now making before the world. The effect of such conditions cannot easily be estimated, in the attraction they will offer to capital and to population, and these are the two things which we must need. Of course, setbacks may occur; but it is scarcely probable that our national commerce, now being extended so rapidly along broad and safe lines will not retain many important elements of permanency.

The first item of importance with which the Finance Minister dealt was with reference to receipts and expenditure. For the fiscal year closed on the 30th June last the revenue amounted to \$40,555,238, and the expenditure to \$38,832,525. This left a handsome surplus of \$1,722,712, or more than \$1,000,000 in excess of the sum anticipated in the last Budget. For the year now current Mr. Fielding estimated the revenue at \$46,632,398, and the expenditure at \$42,026,028, which would leave a surplus in round figures of \$4,600,000. This will, of course, be the largest expenditure in any year since Confederation; but it must not be forgotten that conditions have changed very materially during the past three years. No one can complain if, with a lowered tariff, an increased expenditure should be made by the Government to meet the actual needs arising out of our commercial and general growth. It would be poor economy to spend less and accomplish less.

Notwithstanding the large enterprises being carried on by the Government, it is exceedingly gratifying to learn that the Minister of Finance anticipates an addition to the public debt during the current year of not more than \$1,700,000. This sum is all the more defensible when measured against the experience of the late Government. During the 18 years of Tory administration there was an average increase of more than \$6,000,000 per annum; while during the three years of the Liberal regime the average increase has not been more than \$2,500,000. Had the tariff been maintained at the old National Policy rate it is safe to assume that the surplus for last year and this would have practically kept the net debt stationary both in respect of the annual expenditure and the increase to the public debt the Government is pursuing a prudent and commendable course.

It was with respect to the trade of the country that Mr. Fielding was able to present the most interesting facts connected with his speech. For the last year of Conservative rule our total foreign trade amounted to \$239,025,360, which had grown to \$304,475,736 up to the 30th June last. Our exports which in 1896 amounted to \$121,013,552 had increased last year to \$164,152,683; while our imports grew during the same period from \$118,011,508 to \$140,323,053. Taking the showing for the nine months of the current year it is safe to assume that the result for 1899 will be at least \$25,000,000 in advance of 1898.

The operations of the present tariff are shown in the fact that during the past year \$43,939,716 worth of goods were allowed into the country free of duty, as compared with \$28,915,510 in the last year of the Conservative term. As but nine months of the current year have elapsed, it will be seen that these figures will be materially increased before the 30th June. The fact is also worthy of notice, that while the total trade of Canada increased by \$57,666,993 during the 18 years of Conservative administration, it has increased by \$66,362,022 since the Liberals came into office. This really remarkable result scarcely bears out the prophecy of what would happen to the country in the event of a change of Government.

Other telling facts illustrating the progress which the country is making were presented by Mr. Fielding. Our mineral productions have grown from \$16,763,353 in 1890 to \$37,757,197 in 1898. Deposits in the chartered banks and Government savings bank have increased \$47,000,000 during the past two years. During the same comparatively short period the volume of life insurance had swollen from

\$17,800,499 to \$368,517,074. There had also been a proportionate increase in the earnings and business of the large railway corporations. Some satisfaction may also be gathered from the fact that while the total trade of the United States had only increased \$1.28 per head of the population since 1896, the total trade of Canada had during these two years gone ahead \$11.66 per capita—the American figures for 1898 being \$24.60 as against \$56.29 in Canada.

The Minister gave to the House an elaborate comparison of the old tariff with the present, which demonstrated beyond the possibility of cavil that a very considerable reduction had been made. This is a tender point with the Conservatives, who had been presenting the spurious and unwarranted argument that the existing prosperity of the country is wholly due to the fact that the Liberals have not dared to make good their ante-election pledge respecting the tariff. Mr. Fielding's figures in this connection could not possibly be given within the space available for this letter; but it would be well for anyone who entertains doubt upon this question to procure a copy of the Budget speech, when it is ready for distribution, and make a careful study of the statement for himself. The Liberals did not cut up the tariff for the mere sake of doing so; but they made a rational adjustment having regard to the commercial and industrial situation in Canada. That they did their work intelligently and well is shown by the fact that this year no changes whatever have been required.

Mr. Foster made his reply to the Budget speech yesterday. He was given a full day of time between in which to prepare himself, and it may be taken for granted that he made the best of the case from the Conservative standpoint. He made no attempt whatever to question or disprove the magnificent array of statistical information laid before the House by Mr. Fielding; but chose rather to indulge in a vast amount of sarcasm with respect to the attitude formerly assumed by the Liberals in relation to expenditure and debt. In this line of address Mr. Foster is an accomplished artist; but he was welcome to all the comfort which his party could derive from such criticism. If the expenditure has been increased, it is because there has been a phenomenal development of the business of the country and a corresponding demand upon the Government to do its share in meeting these happy conditions. It is also important to bear in mind that a considerable proportion of the increase is a mere matter of book-keeping. For example, while a considerably larger expenditure is taking place in connection with the Intercolonial railway and the administration of the Yukon, the income from these sources more than counterbalances the added outlay.

Most of Mr. Foster's time was taken up with an ingenious, though unsuccessful, effort to prove that the preference given to Great Britain in our tariff was an empty piece of humbug. It was both entertaining and amusing to hear the ex-Finance Minister, in his familiar pan-cake process of logic, dealing with this subject. There is always something fascinating about a man who is engaged in the delicate operation of splitting a hair; but there is no permanent satisfaction in the result. The Conservatives behind Mr. Foster applauded his skill in this regard; yet it is hardly likely any of them will be able to go among his constituents, tariff in hand, and convince a single level-headed voter that Mr. Foster was right. English goods have a preference of 25 per cent in our market, and no amount of logic chopping or juggling with figures can possibly alter this fact in the slightest degree.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced the other day that the Government proposed to go ahead with the Redistribution Bill during the present session. This is the measure about which the Conservatives are most concerned. They dread the undoing of their iniquitous gerrymanders of 1882 and 1892. They have been threatening to hold the House in session until next winter unless the Government consented to withdraw this Bill; but such suggestions have been ineffectual. Being assured that their Bill will commend itself to the judgment of every fair-minded man in the country the Government are

TOO WEAK TO ...SEW...

An Ottawa Lady Relates Her Experience for Benefit of Others.

Mrs. William A. Holmes, 530 Concession St., Ottawa, Ont., testifies as follows: "For some years past I was greatly troubled with weakness both of the nerves and heart. My heart would beat very irregularly, sometimes throbbing, and at other times seeming to go up into my throat, thus causing a terrible smothering sensation. Finally I grew so weak that I could not sew. Although I tried many remedies I could obtain no relief, and was almost in despair of a cure. "One day, however, I heard of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills and began to use them, and am now better than I have been for years. I work right along now, and the pains and palpitation have left me, much to my relief. My blood seems to be enriched and full of vitality, and my entire system is in a healthy and vigorous state."

determined to proceed, without regard to the tactics which the Opposition may adopt.

In direct support of Mr. Fielding's inspiring Budget, comes the news from Great Britain that, while immigration to the United States has fallen off, and to other British Colonies has remained stationary, it increased 24 per cent. during the first three months of this year as compared with the same period in 1898. This is exceedingly gratifying information, as indicating the probable continuation of the expansion which is now going on throughout the country. The Tories are sneering at the Donkshobors who have recently come to our North West; but every respectable immigrant who arrives becomes at once both a consumer and a producer.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. D. Fraser, Pastor. Kingston every Sunday, 11 o'clock a. m.; Richibucto every Sunday, 7 o'clock p. m. Christian Endeavour Society meets at Kingston every Monday at 7.30, and at Richibucto every Thursday at 7.30.

Rev. E. Johnson's appts. May 14th: Harcourt, 10 a. m.; McWilliams' 3 p. m.; Smith's Corner 7 p. m.; Rev. G. M. Young, of Chatham, will address Home Mission Meetings at McWilliams' Monday May 15th, at Harcourt Tuesday May 16th, at 7 p. m.

ST. MARY'S, (ANGLICAN).—REV. H. A. MEEK, Rector.—Sunday, May 14th, Sunday after Ascension. Divine service Richibucto, 11 and 7; Kingston, 3; Friday, 12th, 7.30, Richibucto; Tuesday, 16, 6 p. m., South Branch; Wednesday, 17th, 7 p. m., Buctouche; Thursday, 18th, 7 p. m., Jardine's Yard. The rector would be glad to receive the remainder of the missionary envelopes next Sunday.

METHODIST SERVICES.—Rev. Wm. Lawson, Pastor. Preaching Sabbath:—Richibucto, 11 a. m.; Class meeting 10 a. m.; Molus River, 3 p. m., sermon to young men; Kingston, 7 p. m., sermon to young men; Mill Creek Friday, 7 p. m.

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The Dangerous Stage.

The gentleman had rung the bell several times before the servant let him in. He was looking surprised and a trifle apprehensive when Mrs. Blykins came into the room.

"I called," he explained, "to inquire about your husband's health. He and I belong to the same organization, and several of the members desired me to call to see how he is getting along. We were very sorry to hear of his illness."

"It's very kind of you," she answered. There was a crash which shook the chandelier.

"I think it will be only a day or two before he is able to get out and go down town," she added.

The slamming of doors echoed heavily through the house.

"Has he been dangerously sick?"

"Not until today."

"But I understood you to say that he was convalescent."

"I think I may say that he is so. He wasn't well enough to be dangerous till this morning. But before noon he had discharged the trained nurse, quarreled with the cook, smashed a rocking chair against which he had stubbed his toe and thrown the canary bird out of the window. Those are always hopeful symptoms with him, and I feel fairly justified in saying that he is convalescent."

Black Fooled Them.

Sir Wemyss Reid, in a personal sketch of his friend the late Mr. Black in The Speaker, tells how the novelist outwitted The Saturday Review. When "A Daughter of Heth" appeared, it took the town by storm, and as it appeared anonymously Sir Wemyss heard for the first time from an acquaintance who the author was.

It was with a certain sense of injury that he asked, "Why, if Black wrote the book, did he not put his name to it?" "Oh, don't you know?" was the instant response. "That is the best part of the joke. The Saturday Review has been 'down' upon everything he has written, so he purposely published this book anonymously in order to take in The Saturday Reviewers, and they were the first people to sound the praises of 'A Daughter of Heth.' If his name had been on the title page, they would have damned it."

Unlike many bits of gossip about successful authors, this—as Sir Wemyss learned later from Mr. Black's own lips—was strictly true.

She Swept the Street.

A newly arrived Irish servant was installed in the home of a family on the west side last week, and on the first morning of service she was told to go out and sweep the sidewalk.

After an absence of something like an hour the housekeeper went out to see what had become of the new servant. She was seen walking down at the end of the block hard at work. She had gone the block's length, and she said she didn't know where she was to stop.—New York Sun.

A SECTION FOREMAN.

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Rheumatism and Kidney Troubles the Frequent Result—One Who Has Been a Great Sufferer Speaks for the Benefit of Others.

From the Watchman, Lindsay, Ont.

Wm. McKendry, a gentleman of 52 years of age, has for 28 years been a respected resident of Fenelon Falls, Ont. For twenty-two years he has held the position of section foreman for the G. T. R., which position he fills to day, and judging from his present robust appearance will be capable of doing so for many years to come. During his residence at Fenelon Falls Mr. McKendry has taken an active part in educational matters, being an efficient member of the school board on different occasions. Many times he has been nominated a councillor, but owing to the position he held with an outside corporation felt it his duty to withdraw, although much against the wishes of the representative ratepayers. As the public well knew the duties devolving on a railway section foreman expose him to all kinds of inclement weather, and it takes a man with a strong constitution to successfully fill the position. Mr. McKendry had no illness until about 3 years ago, when, to use his own words, he says: "I was taken down with severe rheumatic pains in the right knee and the muscles of the leg. I could not sleep or rest night or day. I could not begin to tell you what I suffered. I took many remedies, both internal and external prescribed by doctors and friends, but instead of improving I was steadily growing from bad to worse. One day while reading the Presbyterian Review I read of a cure through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, in the case of a man who had not been expected to recover and this prompted me to give this medicine a trial. The action in my case did not seem to be speedy and I was using my fifth box before any decided improvement was noted, but by the time I had used eight boxes I was a thoroughly well man. Since that time my general health has been the very best and I have no signs of the old trouble. I make this statement voluntarily, because I think it the duty of those cured to put others in the possession of the means of obtaining renewed health and I am satisfied Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will do all that is claimed for them if given a trial."

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