

OTTAWA LETTER.

OTTAWA, 27th April.—The Opposition papers are serving up rather a weak diet for their readers these days. The alleged Yukon scandals have fallen so flat that it would be more than a man's life was worth to even hint at them nowadays, although they were being dispensed in highly spiced form a couple of weeks ago. On the strength of this attractive bill of fare, the editor of the St. John "Sun" came up to Ottawa, and has been camping here ever since. While the Tappers were belching forth their terrible denunciations of official corruption, Mr. Scott had ample material for his paper; but for the past week or so he has been obliged to fall back on the Auditor General's report for his daily supplies. The other day he devoted nearly four columns to the cost of things in the Yukon country, coupled with the implication that Government officials were having a high old time because they had apples cost 15 cents a pound. While Mr. Scott has been living, or what has been reading, that he should be so densely ignorant of the conditions of life in the Yukon? Of course, things are dear up there. A pound of salt costs nearly as much as a pound of tea, because the chief element in fixing the price is the heavy transportation charges. Somebody ought to enlighten the "Sun" editor on this subject, showing him that at Dawson one cannot get 25 pounds of sugar for \$1 and have ten trading stamps thrown in.

In fact, it is scarcely safe to depend on anything you read in these Tory papers just now. One would suppose, after reading their account of the way things were going here, that the Government would be out of business before the next weekly paper arrived; but these Grits seem to have a way of hanging on to their job that must be positively discouraging to those who are in the prophecy business. It is announced one day that the Government is tottering to its fall, with the members in rebellion against the Ministers and the Ministers having a rough and tumble fight among themselves, and the next day these Opposition papers reluctantly record the fact that a want of confidence resolution was voted down by more than 2 to 1, and the Tory stronghold of Brockville had passed over to the Liberal side by a big majority. By and by the readers of these papers may find the suspicion growing up in their minds that perhaps they are just the least bit one-sided in their view of things at Ottawa.

The Tories are suffering from a series of disappointments. After their overdone Yukon scandals had gone sour, and Brockville had given them a black eye, there came the stimulating news from New Brunswick that "I. J. Douglas Hazen" had charged the Premier of that Province with personal corruption and malfeasance in office. This was a great fillip to their flagging spirits, and it was really entertaining to witness the off hand readiness with which they took it for granted that, of course, Mr. Emmerson was guilty, and that somewhere beneath the dark mass of wrong-doing the hand of the Minister of Railways would be revealed. Much space was given to the matter in the newspapers, and the expectation was encouraged that at last the iniquity of the New Brunswick Liberals would be exposed. It was a cruel shock, therefore, to learn the other day that Mr. Hazen had withdrawn his charges and publicly exonerated Mr. Emmerson from even the suspicion of personal guilt. Mr. Hazen was up here for one Parliament and created the impression that he was not a man to make such a terrible mess of things as he has done at Fredericton.

It must be discouraging to the real friends of prohibition to see the way the Conservative members in Parliament are juggling with this subject. There was a meeting here last week between members of Parliament and a Committee of the Dominion Alliance to discuss what ought to be done during the present session with respect to legislation on the liquor question, and the proceedings were entirely farcical. It was quite remarkable how many Conservative members turned up as Prohibitionists, and no one could doubt either their sincerity or their zeal after hearing them speak. They were absolutely unanimous in the view that something should be done which would embarrass the Government and help the Tory plan of campaign, and they modestly asked that the Liberal members should lend them a hand in this disinterested warfare. Very few of them could be charged with hypocrisy, their object being quite on the surface. It was the Government they wished to reach, and not many of them seemed to care much about the temperance cause. From such a meeting of course, nothing of a positive character could result.

The trade returns for the nine months ending 31st March have just been made up, and they show phenomenal advances over last year. The total trade for that period was \$235,662,353, as compared with \$223,497,083 for the corresponding time last year. This sum was made up of \$122,872,347, in exports and \$112,790,000 in imports. The increase was wholly in imports, and while the analysis by countries is not available, it is reasonable to assume that part of this is due to the preferential tariff now in operation. As a direct result of this very large import business, the public revenue is thus far

GRIPPE'S LEGACY.

Shattered Nerves and Weakened Heart—A St. John Lady Tells About It.

Mrs. John Quigley, who resides at 30 Sheriff St., St. John, N.B., states: "Some time ago I was attacked by a severe cold, which ended up in a bad attack of La Grippe. Since that time I have never regained my health, being weak, nervous and run down. "I suffered very much from indigestion, accumulation of gas in the stomach, and was in almost constant distress. I doctored with some of the best physicians in this city; but got no relief until I began using Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and am pleased to say that they have completely cured me. "My appetite is restored; my nervous system has been toned up to its old-time condition, and I have no more trouble from the indigestion and can eat anything I choose. "I am only too glad to testify to the merits of such a marvellous remedy as Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills for the cure of nervousness, heart trouble, indigestion, etc. Price 50c. a box, all druggists.

\$2,165,770, ahead of last year, and should nothing happen to change the present outlook, the Finance Minister will have a handsome surplus by July 1st. This achievement in the face of a lowered tariff will be particularly gratifying to the friends of the Government.

The estimates for the next fiscal year were brought down by Mr. Fielding a day or two ago, and they have been the subject of considerable criticism by the Opposition press. Some of the papers are disposed to treat the matter fairly and from a patriotic standpoint, while others refer to it in the narrow partisan spirit. It is a fact that the appropriations are larger than in 1896; but during the intervening three years great changes have come over the country. Our total trade has increased by \$100,000,000, there has been a considerable increase of population, enterprise is everywhere active, and the business of the Dominion is undergoing very marked expansion. All this imposes new and larger responsibilities upon the Government, and it would be an evidence of serious incapacity if they did not meet these altered circumstances with a broad and adequate fiscal policy. The Montreal "Gazette," perhaps the foremost Conservative paper in the Dominion, in referring to the estimates just brought down says:—"It is, however, out of the question to expect a stationary expenditure in Canada. This is a living country, and the progress that its growth implies has to be kept pace with in the expenditure as in other things."

These sensible words from the "Gazette" ought to be the basis of all future criticism upon the annual expenditure of the Government. We are on the eve of big things in Canada. Although the tariff has been reduced, in keeping with the pledge of the Liberal party, the increased volume of imports has swollen the public revenue. Last year there was a large surplus, and this year there will be another. If, however, the growing needs of the country, arising out of a larger business by a larger population, are to be recognized, so that the country will get the full benefit of the happy and remarkable period of prosperity upon which we have entered, the Government must spend more money. The better part of economy is to use more money wisely, rather than to spend less and not meet the actual requirements of the Dominion at this important juncture.

The Opposition seem to be still indisposed to expedite public business. Immediately after the disposal of the Address the Government was quite prepared to proceed with a number of important measures; but in each instance the Opposition, for one reason or another, asked for a postponement. These requests could not very well, in accordance with Parliamentary practice, be refused; but it is a specimen of the form of criticism directed against the Government, when Conservative correspondents send out word to their papers that the Government is dallying with public business. The fact is, the Government is most anxious to proceed with all the measures in contemplation for this session, and unless they are met by blockade tactics, there is no good reason why the House should not prorogue within four or five weeks.

The House was divided during the past week on a motion by one of the Conservative members respecting the Civil Service. It is clearly the purpose of the Opposition this session, as it was last, to curry favour with Civil Servants by representing that the Government is hostile to them because a majority of them are Conservatives. The facts, however, show to the contrary. The Government has treated its employees with great liberality and generosity, and has not removed a single official except for justifiable reasons.

The Budget is to be brought down on Tuesday next, and it ought to be the best and most inspiring that has ever been presented to Parliament. There is a considerable surplus in view, trade is booming, great natural development is in progress, population is increasing and the people at large are hopeful. It is not expected there will be any tariff changes of importance.

COOK'S SURE COUGH CURE.

WAR COMES HIGH.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The monthly comparative statement of the government receipts and expenditures show the total receipts for April, 1899, were \$41,611,587, and increase as compared with April, 1898 of about \$8,600,000.

The expenditures during April, 1899, were \$65,949,105, an increase over April last year of \$21,700,000. Included in the expenditures is the payment of \$20,000,000 to Spain.

The total receipts for the ten months of the present fiscal year were \$424,056,014, as compared with \$340,926,000 for the same period of the last fiscal year. The expenditures for the last ten months aggregated \$533,451,409, as compared with \$347,673,195 for the same period last year. During April, 1899, the receipts from the several sources of revenue were: Customs \$17,645,945; internal revenue, \$22,207,099; miscellaneous, \$1,758,541.

The expenditures on account of the war department since July 1, 1898, aggregate \$210,645,535; on account of the navy department, \$55,522,894.

The amount of cash payments already made on account of the war is approximately by the treasury at from \$273,000,000 to \$275,000,000. Of this amount about \$196,000,000 is estimated to have been paid through the war department, \$54,000,000 through the navy department, \$20,000,000 under the treaty with Spain, and \$4,000,000 on account of increased expenditures in the civil establishment.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The monthly statement of the public debt, issued to-day shows that at the close of business, April 29, 1899, the debt less cash in the treasury amounted to \$1,172,787,264, an increase during the month of \$23,081,701. This is accounted for by the payment of \$20,000,000 to Spain in settlement of treaty obligations.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—The comptroller of currency says the total national bank circulation on April 29, 1899, was \$242,714,333, an increase for the year of \$15,101,488 and a decrease for the month of \$337,984. The coinage executed at the mints of the United States during April, 1899, aggregated \$10,066,994.

NOVA SCOTIA KILLED.

SHARON, Mass., April 28.—John P. Ross, of this place, was shot and killed by his wife, Mary E. Ross, in the course of a quarrel at their home this morning. Mrs. Ross was taken into custody at once. She admitted the shooting, claiming she had acted in self-defence, as her husband was choking her at the time. Ross was fifty years of age and his wife forty-nine. They had been married about a year.

The woman when arrested claimed that her husband has been drinking heavily and that he was quarrelsome when intoxicated. This testimony the neighbors substantiated. Mrs. Ross stated that all last night her husband was in an ugly mood and several times he made attempts to beat her. She succeeded each time in pacifying him before any harm was done, but this morning he renewed the trouble and seizing his wife choked her. It was at this point, Mrs. Ross claimed, fearing that he would take her life, she discharged the revolver of which she had taken possession to defend herself. She claimed that she had no intention of killing the man, but merely wished to escape from his grasp.

The police have learned that Ross came from Nova Scotia and that Mrs. Ross hails from Maine. She has the reputation of being a kind-hearted, faithful and hard-working woman, who has done her best to perform her duty toward her husband.

Pain In The Back

"I suffered with a pain in the back for over a year and could not get it cured. Three bottles of Hagyard's Yellow Oil removed the pain entirely." Marshal Miller, McGregor P. Q., Man.

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(Charlottetown Guardian.)
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ENGLAND AND RUSSIA.

BERLIN, May 1.—The Frankfurter Zeitung publishes a despatch from Bagdad, Asiatic Turkey, asserting that Great Britain has already taken steps to counteract the efforts of the Russian expedition, consisting of seven officers and fourteen engineers, which recently completed a survey for the extension of the Tiflis and Kara railroad from a point on the Little Zab river, northeast of Bagdad, to the Persian gulf. According to the advice in question a British gunboat has been sent to the Persian gulf, presumably with the object of taking possession of the mouths of the rivers Euphrates and Tigris.

PERCENTAGE LESS.

WASHINGTON, May 1.—A memorandum has been prepared at the war department comparing the losses in the Spanish war with the first year of the civil war. The aggregate strength of troops employed during the war with Spain was approximately 275,000, covering the period from May, 1895, to April, 1899, inclusive. During this time the deaths from all causes was 6,190, or 2 1/2 per cent.

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NEW YORK, May 1.—The London correspondent of the Journal says that Queen Victoria has expressed the wish that all members of her family who can be possibly in England shall attend at the Windsor Castle on May 24th, when she celebrates her eightieth birthday.

MINERS RIOTING.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 1.—The troops at the Presidio are practically under arms and ready at a moments notice to respond to the call of Governor St. Eunburg of Idaho to assist in quelling a riot at Warner and in keeping order. The miners are all rioting at Warner as a result of labor troubles.

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MURDER AND SUICIDE.

PETERBORO, Ont., May 1.—John H. Webber, engineer of the Peterboro Waterworks Company for many years and a highly respected citizen, shot his wife Saturday and committed suicide. The family were moving to another part of the town. Saturday at 2 o'clock Webber came into the yard where his wife was and deliberately shot her twice in the head. He then returned to the house and shot himself. The first intimation of the terrible tragedy was when neighbors heard Mrs. Webber scream and the words "Stop John!" was heard. The police were notified, but on their arrival both the man and his wife were found dead. Webber was about 60 and his wife 55. They had a family of nine children. The general opinion is that Webber's mind was unhinged through recent illness.

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