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#### OTTAWA LETTER.

OTTAWA, '3th April, 1900 .- After three days of absolutely wasted time, Parliament adjourned for the Easter vacation on Wednesday night. The Opposition papers make a point of charging that the small amount of business transacted thus far has been the fault of the Government; but the record is plainly against this contention. The Ministers were ready with Government measures quite early in the session, and two or three of the more im. portant ones passed weeks ago. Not a single Bill of importance now remains on the Order paper. Parliament might just as well have prorogued on the 1st of the present month; but the Conservatives have kept up an incessant stream of campaign talk day after day. The esti mates were brought down a month ago, yet they have not allowed an item to pass. If they continue this blockade work after Easter the public will have good reason for holding them strictly to account for a needless waste of money. The Tories have perhaps never been so discouraged since their defeat in 1896 as they are at the present time. It might be expected that this sort of thing would be said by a Liberal correspondent; but that is not the reason for the view in this instance. Sir Charles Tupper's speech at Quebec has practically thrown them on their beam end. Nothing like it has happened in the experience of either party since Confederation. Sir Charles is the Conservative leader, and his followers must either share the responsibility of his utterances or set him aside. Either course would be disastrous under existing circumstances. Mr. Foster is an imposable leader and no one else is in sight, although Clark Wallace would probably take the j.h. Sir Charles' speech at Quebec fell like a thunderbolt not only among the Tories but upon the general public. He went down to the Ancient Capital a staunch Imperialist and he came away with the repreach of having made one of the strongest anti-British speeches ever delivered by a man in his position. It is evident that he had made up his mind to let the English-speaking Provinces take care of themselves and to make a bold bid for the Province of Quebec. He seems to have acted on the conviction that there is a strong anti-war feeling in that Province. not unmingled with more or less hostility

to England, and on this assumption based his appeal. There he probably is a lack of sympathy with Great Britain in her present struggle among some of the French Canadians; but Sir Charles never made a greater mistake in his life than to suppose that there is anything approaching an antipathy to England herself.

The speech of the Tory leader was marvellous exhibition of how easily and how quickly a man may change his views. Two months ago he was thundering against the Government for not having done enough for the Empire. He wanted thousands of additional men to be sent to South Africa and Canada to foot the entire bill. He railed against the Liberals for their alleged feeble loyalty and in every respect set himself up as the champion of Imperial interests. At Quebec he told a different story. His principal charge against Sir Wilfrid Laurier was that of being an ultra-Im perialist. He painted a dark picture of the burden of taxation which was sure to fall upon the people of Canada on account of the course which the Government had taken. If anyone had suggested that Sir Charles Tupper, of all men in Canada, would have executed such a complete face-about he would, not longer than ten days ago, have been laughed to scorn. That, however, was not the only respect in which Sir Charles turned aside from the beaten track. For years he was the head and front of the Imperial Federation League. In that regard he considered himself, and was generally accepted. as the very salt of the earth. Some of his best speeches were on the subject of Imperial expansion and Imperial unity. At Quebec he could scarcely find words strong enough to express his contempt for Imperial Federation, and he told with much gusto how he had practically smashed the League by declaring that Canada should not contribute one dollar towards Imperial defence. He argued that Canada had done her full duty to the Empire in building the Canadian Pacific Railway, which was of the greatest strategic importance. Amid great applause from his Conservative hearers he declared that he still held to that view and was proud of it. At great length he exposed the alleged mockery of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's conceptions of a federated Empire, and declared that Canada's share of the army and navy bill alone would amount to

try without a quid pro quo.

journals have preferred to say nothing sissme du peuple Canadien dans sa déterabout Sir Charles Tupper's speechs mination de participer aux guerres de evidently on the assumption but the les, l'Empire. Il ne fallait pas aiguiser notice it received the better. The Mon- d'avantage l'impatience du peuple par la treal "Star" made a feeble effort to apolo- lenteur des procédés constitutionnels. Le gize for it by saying that Sir Charles Canada devait être la première des col-Tupper's Imperialism was better than Mr. onies à fournir ses contingents. Tous les Tarte's. What the "Star" means by such millions requis pour cette expédition sera comparison is not very clear. Mr. Tarte aient votés par lui et son parti sans plus is not only a member of the Imperial de considération. Il fallait être généreux Federation League in good standing, but envers l'Empire. Mais la générosité du a month ago was re-elected Vice Presid- | sang et de la vie de nos enfants n'était pas ent, and it would be absolutely impossible suffisante. Il fallait ajouter sans réserve to find a syllable in any one of his speech- la générosité de nos deniers publics, et et that could by any manner of means be payer tous les trais de nos contingents, regarded as hostile to England. Sir Charles, on the other hand, has turned Nos millions devaient etre jetés sans cal against the League, because it is a part of cul aux vents de l'enthousiasme. Le their platform to assist in the defence of temps était venu de montrer à l'Auglethe Empire.

to the Tupper break at Quebec, is filling | vaste Empire Britannique. Et, lorsque le its columns with hysterical ravings against commercial union with the United States. Travanx Publics-dont la diplomatie It declares that as soon as the elections saisit surement l'attention publique are over Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Richard Cartwright intend to cut away from Great Britain and to hand the country over to the United States. This sort of nonsense can scarcely be criticized in spirit of seriousness. It does not alter peuple Canadien ne voulait plus de rethe utterances of the Tory leader at Quebec by a single syllable, and it only serves | l'Empire. Le Canada devait se tenir à la to show how hard the party had been hit. No one is advocating commercial union de l'Empire Britannique. at the present time, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not entirely lost his reason. The Government which proposed to assume an aggressive attitude against England and in favour of the United States. Il ne veut plus d'Impérialisme militaire, would not last three days. But that sort plus de Fédération Parlementaire. of talk is supposed to hurt the Premier in Ontario.

The Conservatives are flooding the souffrir de l'âge. Car, il est difficile d'excountry with campaign literature, and in pliquer un tel revirement. Toutefois this connection it may not be amiss to expose a little piece of fraud of which Mr. vitalité intellectuelle comme sa vitalité George E. Foster has been found guilty. physique, et sa stratégie politique est He based a five hours speech on figures | capable de rencontrer tous les évenéwhich he declared were taken from the ments. official trade and navigation returns. They had reference to the rate of taxation and made out a case adverse to the fiscal policy of the Government. A day or so afterwards it was discovered that no such figures appeared in the official returns, and when Mr. Foster was charged with this serious breach of propriety, to put it pouvoir, et qu'il avait refusé avec Sir mildly, he excused himself by saying that a messenger boy had carried away a sheet of his notes containing the correct figures. In the meantime Mr. Foster's speech had claré que le Canada avait fait beaucoup been printed and scattered in tens of pour l'union de l'Empire; qu'il avait thousands over the country. The incid construit une voie naturelle de l'Atlanent places this gentleman in an unenviable tique au Pacifique, qu'il avait organisé position, and serves to show the desperate sa milice, et sous de telles circonstances, tactics which the opponents of the Gove it croyait que ce serait une grave erreur ernment seem ready to adopt.

wishes nothing done for the Mother Coun- tions du Secrétaire Colonial. Le Parlement ne devait pas étre convoqué, tant on Most of the prominent Conservative devait se hater, et laisser voir l'enthousans accepter un seul sou de l'Empire.

terre et à l'univers que, à tout prix, nous The "Mail and Empire," as an antidote voulions former une partie intégrale du gouvernement, de l'avis du Ministre des -voulut sauver l'avenir du pays, en insérant une clause dans l'ordre-enCouseil que cette action du gouvernement ne serait pas un précédent, Sir Charles dût critiquer à sa façon, et proclama que le strictions dans son ambition à secourir tête des autres colonies dans l'unification

> Tout-à-coup Sir Charles fait volteface. Il arrive à Québec devant un auditoire Français-Canadien, et là il ne veut plus de participation aux guerres de l'Empire.

> Ou serait porté à croire que l'esprit du vieux général conservateur commence nous sommes prêts à lui concéder sa

Sir Charles était à Québec, n'oubliens

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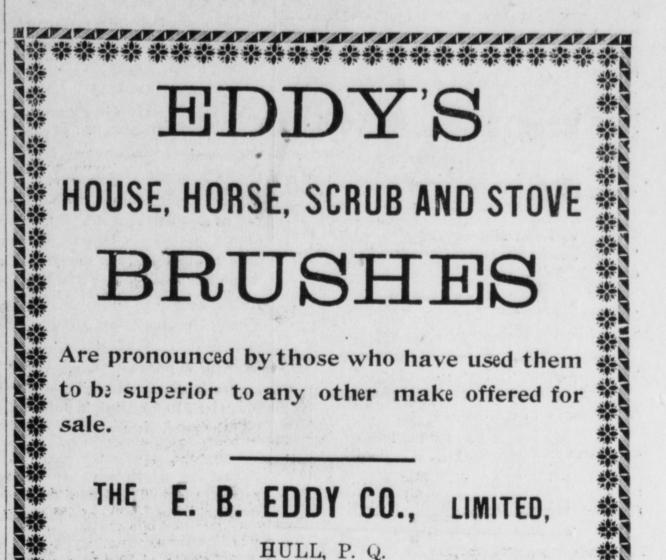
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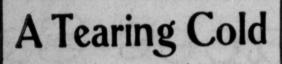
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was denounced by Sir Charles Tupper in scathing terms. In the same highly coloured language that he had been using with respect to the other subjects he condemned the folly of giving anything to England without getting a corresponding consideration in return. He thought it would suit the palates of his Quebec hearers to tell them that the Liberals are opposed to a preference on Canadian products in the British market, although there is no foundation whatever for such a statemient. The Liberals would gladly have England afford preferential treatment to Canadian products in her market, and fully believe it would be highly advantageous to the

SPACE

SIR CHARLES TUPPER À QUEBEC

La presse en général a été très-occupée ces jours derniers au sujet des déclarations de Sir Charles Tupper dans son discours à Quebec le 31 Mars dernier, devant un auditoire remarquable surtout par le nombre de moribonds politiques aux premières places d'honneur, tels que Sir Adolphe Caron dont le pouls annonce la mort qui approche, et Sir Hector Langevin qui a rendu le dernier soupir au pays qu'il avait autrefois vaillamment servi, sous l'écrasement ameré sur lui par cette foule de contracteurs malhonnêtes l'Angleterre a eu là rencontrer depuis sa qui ont su jouer avec sa bonhomie.

Une grande partie de l'adresse de Sir Charles est consacrée à son histoire dont il est le plus élogieux écrivain. Le reste est la répétition des arguments qu'il a constamment employés dans les 57 assemblées qu'il a tenues dans la Puissance durant les derniers six mois.

parlé du pout de Quebec que les Conservateurs n'ont jamais voulu lâtir. Il leur

a dit que si son parti avait été retenu au pouvoir en 1896, il aurait bâti ce pont, et espère maintenant que ce pont sera i] bâti.

Les questions les plus importantes qu'il a traitées sont sa politique du commerce préférentiel, et l'Imperialisme.

Les temps ont changé tout.à-coup. Jamais Canadien n'a fait preuve d'une telle soif pour l'Imjérialisme tout pur que Sir Charles lui même. Avant même la déclaration de la guerre dans l'Afrique Dominion; but they are not insisting on du Sud, Sic Charles criait déjà du haut it. They are not making it a condition of des hustings de la Nouvelle Ecosse qu'il

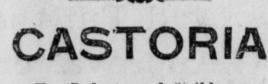
pas. Il sait que les électeurs de la Province de Québec sont attachés à Sir Wilfrid Laurier, et que sa ligne de conduite est celle des électeurs, Alors, il revient sur ses pas, et reprend l'attitude qu'il avait tenue lorsque sou parti était au John A. McDonald de contribuer directement aux dépenses de l'armée et de la marine de l'Empire. Il avait alors déque d'amener le peuple Canadien à contribuer au maintien de l'armée et de la marine impériales. Ce qui avait été fait dans le passé, dit Sir Charles, devait être accepté comme une garantie de ce qui serait fait à l'avenir, ce qui devait être lais-é entièrement au jugement du peuple lui-même. Or, n'est ce pas là exactement la conduite de Sir Wilfrid Laurier et du gouvernement litéral? Pas de précédent dit le gouvernement. Le peuple Cana dien juge à propos et convenable aujourd 'hui d'aider à l'Empire dans cette difficile guerre du Transvaal, et il envoie généreusement deux mille hommes à sou aide sur cette terre lointaine, contre l'ennemi le plus audacieux, le plus redoutable que

guerre de Russie. Nous le faisons avec gét érosité, de bon coeur, sur la volonté exprimée du peuple. Mais, pas de précédent! Dans une autre occasion le peuple devra se prononcer sur l'attitude qu'il aura à prendre.

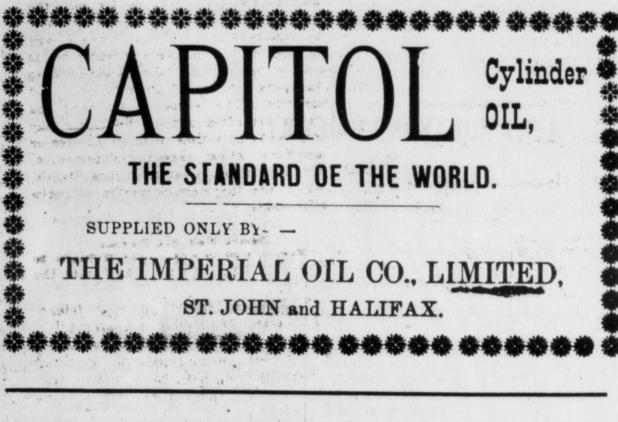
Sir Charles, dans sa rétrograde, admet à l'instant la Sagesse. l'opportunité de Dans la vieille Capitale Sir Charles a cette déclaration de Mr. Tarte, et du gouvernement.

Une différence essentielle entre Mr. Tupper et Mr. Laurier, c'est que lorsque Sir Wilfrid fait une offre à l'Angleterre, il la fait sans condition. Sir Charles, lui,

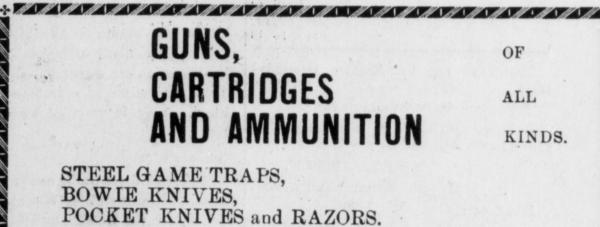
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