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THE CENSUS WORK.

The work of numbering the people of Canada was commenced on Monday last and the enumerators in every section will be busy for the next few weeks in obtaining the information required by the various schedules. We have already called attention to the necessity of prompt replies and accurate statements being given to the census takers by the various householders. The work of the enumerators is a difficult task at the best, and if their labour is increased by hesitation or refusal to reply on the part of people when called upon to answer the numerous questions, it means the prolongation of the work, and a lack of accuracy in the results. If everyone will get firmly established in their minds the two facts, that the questions put by the enumerators are required in the carrying out of their duty, and that the answers are kept confidential both by the census takers and the government, there will be no hesitation on the part of the public in assisting the enumerators in their labors. Each enumerator is sworn to do his work accurately, and not to divulge any information given him as to values or anything else. The form of the questions is set by the census office at Ottawa and are the same for all districts, so that what may perhaps seem impertinent questions are really necessary in order that the fullest information may be officially obtained for national purposes.

In a county like Kent, the national difficulties of the census officers are largely increased owing to the fact that we are a people of different nationalities, using two distinct languages. This has been foreseen, and enumerators speaking the language of the majority of the people in each district have been chosen for the work. We have no doubt that the good sense and courtesy of our people will be shown in every case to the enumerator in their calls throughout each district, and the very necessary work of census taking made as light as possible both to the census officials and the general public. It is scarcely necessary therefore to add that any refusal to reply to the questions put by the enumerators is punishable by fine and imprisonment.

Mr. O. Turgeon, M. P., for Gloucester, N. B., made a strong appeal last week in the House of Commons for generous treatment being accorded the fishermen of the north shore of this Province. Mr. Turgeon's appeal was eloquent and timely.

The New Brunswick House of Assembly will probably prorogue this week. Much of the time of the session has been taken up over the numerous St. John bills which came up for consideration.

THE COOK CHARGES.

The charges preferred by Mr. H. H. Cook to the effect that an offer had been made to him, on behalf of the government, of an appointment to the Senate in consideration of a cash subscription of \$10,000, has been fully investigated by the special Senate committee appointed on resolution of Sir Mackenzie Bowell. The evidence of Mr. Cook was that a suggestion was made to him by the late Mr. Cameron that a donation of \$10,000 to the party funds would probably ensure his appointment, and he claimed that Mr. Cameron was acting on behalf of Sir Richard Cartwright. Mr. Cameron is dead, and therefore it is impossible to refute any evidence given by Mr. Cook as to what passed between these two men. But Sir Richard Cartwright contradicted Mr. Cook flatly on every point of his evidence pertaining to any connection between Mr. Cameron and Sir Richard, the latter's evidence on oath being that he never even heard of any proposal that such an offer was to be made or was made. That he (Sir Richard) had supported Mr. Cook's claims to the Senate to the very end and he had been unable to get him appointed. Mr. Preston contradicted Mr. Cook equally flatly on other portions of that gentleman's evidence, while Sir Wilfrid Laurier swore that no such suggestion had ever been made on behalf of the government nor to the knowledge of himself or any other member of the cabinet. Mr. Biggs, who acted as Mr. Cook's lawyer in the matter, swore definitely that in the meetings with Mr. Cameron at which the proposals were made, there had been no suggestion on the part of Mr. Cameron that he was acting for or with the knowledge of the government or any member of it, and that in fact the reason Mr. Cook and himself had refused the suggestion of the payment of \$10,000, was that they did not believe the government knew anything of it, or that the money would ever get any further than Mr. Cameron's own pocket.

Mr. Ritchie, the counsel for Mr. Cook on the investigation stated that no charge was made that any other member of the government than Sir Richard Cartwright had any cognizance of the offer. It therefore settled itself to a question of Sir Richard Cartwright's evidence supported by that of Mr. Preston and Mr. Biggs being taken in preference to Mr. Cook's story. No one who has known anything of Sir Richard, not even his most bitter political opponent, would hesitate to accept his bare word on any subject, let alone his oath. The result is that the public opinion has been sweepingly in favour of the exoneration of the government on this serious charge.

The St. John Sun, the most bitterly Conservative paper in eastern Canada sums up the result of the investigation as follows:—

"Mr. Cook seems to have made good his statements in respect to the demand on him for \$10,000 as the price of a senatorship. But so far as we can see, he has not proved that Mr. Cameron was acting on instructions of any member of the government. Undoubtedly Mr. Cameron professed to have the authority of Sir Richard Cartwright, but Sir Richard makes a categorical denial."

With such a verdict of "not guilty" pronounced by such a bitterly partisan journal as the Sun, the public will agree that the charges against the government have absolutely failed. Mr. Cook has allowed himself to be used as a tool by the Tories, and has laid himself under the censure and contempt of all decent men of both

parties by his publishing through copies the contents of letters which he supposed to be confidential. As a matter of fact, Sir Richard Cartwright's evidence showed either that no such letters ever existed or they were mere forgeries. This breach of ordinary confidence has become a common story with renegade Liberals, who, the moment they mingle with their new found Tory associates, seem to reveal all the renegade's hate and lack of scruple.

Mr. Cook has made himself contemptible in the eyes of the Canadian people. That and the establishment of the entire innocence of the government in the matter of the charges, seems to be the net result of the Senate investigation.

THE ENDING OF THE BUDGET DEBATE.

The close of the debate on the Budget in the Canadian House of Commons has shown a majority for the government of 55. The Laurier Administration has come out of its first real division as strong as it was before it appealed to the country in November last, and will have a good working majority to carry out its determination to continue the work of national progress which it had initiated in the last parliament. The debate has shown the Liberals united in their ideas of what is the best policy for the country in matters of trade and the fact that the Fielding tariff of 1897 has remained unchanged is sufficient guarantee to the public that the present administration has no intention of resorting to the tariff tinkering tactics which prevailed under previous administrations. The public mind is satisfied that the government of Canada is being conducted in the interest of the people and not as was formerly the experience in the interest of a few pampered favourites of the government.

The Budget Debate has also made public the divisions that exist in the Conservative party, its total lack of unanimity on trade matters. Each opposition member has advocated a different policy which its author claims to be the only bona fide National Policy as laid down by Sir John Macdonald in 1878. In a word the Conservatives are represented at Ottawa by a nondescript combination, made up of radicals, Tories, freethinkers and oppositionists. The latter class are against the government whether its policy is correct and beneficial or not, and is represented in the House by men like Dr. Sprule and a number of lesser lights, among whom might be mentioned the opposition members for New Brunswick.

The government has passed through the fire of criticism unscathed and the criticism of its opponents has been of such a weak and captious character as to confirm the people of Canada in its judgment in returning the Laurier administration to a further term of office. The opposition has proven remarkably weak in debate, particularly when serious matters of public policy have been discussed. In the main the Conservative speakers have more largely vented their particular hobbies than represented any serious public opinion. The claim put forward that the Liberals have stolen the Conservative trade policy would almost seem to bear some similitude to truth, if we are to judge by the absolute want of policy that is shown by the leaders of the once dominant party. If the Liberals haven't got their policy they must have lost it in the wilderness where for the past four years they have been sojourning.

The Budget debate has made

apparent also the fact that the hope of the future so far as men of promise is concerned, lies with the Liberal party. From the different provinces there has come to this new parliament men of brains and fluency like Marcell, who will in days to come be fit to take the places of the men who to-day make up the ablest administration Canada has possessed since Confederation.

BY THE WAY.

The government's majority of 55 on the Budget division is the nation's vote of supreme confidence in the able administration of Sir Wilfred Laurier.

The Tory trade policy at present seems to be divided into as many parts as there are opposition members at Ottawa, for each member has some particular variation of his own.

Mr. Brock, M. P., of Toronto, who is a woolen manufacturer, claims that the Canadian woolen trade is being ruined by the preference in duties on British woolen imports into this country. By a strange process of reasoning, the illogical Mr. Brock argues that a removal of all duties by a mutual preference with the mother land would end the trouble. We had always thought that half a loaf was better than none.

The Tory taunt that the Liberals have adopted the National Policy holus bolus is short sighted, for the logical conclusion from such an argument is that the Liberals are able to make a remarkably better showing with the same policy than their conservative predecessors in office ever were able to do.

Have you seen the Census man?

No better test can be put to the temper of a busy man or woman than to have the hundred and one questions required by the census sprung on him when his mind is bent on something else. But it is only a trifling preparation to the annual spring housecleaning that is to follow. The wind this year is verily tempered to the shorn lamb.

The wonder of it all is, that Canada not only exists without the guidance of Sir Charles Tupper but is actually progressing without it.

The talk we heard of providing seats in the House of Commons for Foster, Powell and McInerney seems to have exhausted itself in words.

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ST. NICHOLAS RIVER NOTES.

APR. 2.—Though I am not a skillful writer and cannot turn a hand spring, nor take a snap shot, nor screw my face into a hundred different shapes, still I can use the marling spike, also the pen (just a little) as the case may be. And let one remind you, Goggles the 2nd, that I do not get information from any fair ally, nor have I misplaced the word casual. But I must say you handle the truth very carefully, and to your imaginary solriquet this appropriate handle should be put thus: Goggles the 2nd L. I. E. S.

Miss Bertie Miller is spending a few days at home.

A few of our young people met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawson on Thursday evening and report having spent a very pleasant evening.

John F. Atkinson left on Tuesday for parts unknown.

Mr. Oswald Young left Thursday for Chatham.

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ST. MARY'S (ANGELICAN).—Rev. H. A. MEEK, Rector.—Sunday, April 7th—EASTER DAY—Divine Service—Richibucto, 11; Bible class, 3; Kingston 7; Good Friday—Richibucto, 10.30; Kingston, 7.30. (Special collections in aid of the fund for promoting Christianity among the Jews.

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"And just think! They say Miss Olden-odd used to be quite a matchless beauty!" "Really! I wonder if that can be the reason she never made a match?"—Philadelphia Bulletin.

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