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OTTAWA LETTER.

OTTAWA, March 1.—The House has worn a business-like air during the entire week. It is manifest that the Opposition are disposed to expedite the work of the session and to bring about an early closing. This is a sensible conclusion on their part; for it cannot be denied that the last two sessions were simply disgraceful because of the shocking waste of time and the obstructive tactics adopted by the Conservatives. Under the new leadership an attempt is being made to carry on the business of the House in a more orderly and expeditious manner. Just how long this will last, however, it is not prudent at this period to predict.

Each session develops its own characteristics. Matters move along in a quiet uneventful way for some time, and then suddenly the Opposition start out upon an aggressive campaign against the Government. If they fail, as has been the case so far with the present Opposition, it only makes them more active and obstructive. They get into a nasty temper, they seem to take satisfaction out of the hindrances they put in the way of the Government, they harass Ministers, they ask troublesome questions, and they do a host of things to work off their ugly feelings. It may be that the calm which has thus far ensued is but a prelude to a storm near at hand.

There is no question, however, but that the Opposition are working in a half-hearted way. The snap seems to have been taken out of them. During all of the last Parliament the taunt was constantly thrown across the floor of the House that the Liberals had gained power through a fluke. It was said that the Conservatives had failed because of internal dissension, and that on another appeal being made to the people public judgment would declare itself strongly against the Liberal party. The events of November 7th last has dispelled that illusion, and the Conservatives are forced to realize that they are where they are because the sentiment of the Canadian people. This conviction has produced a chastened spirit, and the more thoughtful heads are disposed to adopt a line of action which will attract public confidence.

In fact, the Conservatives do not know just where they are at. The election of Mr. Borden to the leadership is a purely tentative measure. He is not regarded as an ideal leader, although he is a capable and much respected member of the House. In the first place, he is an eastern man and practically unknown in Ontario, and Ontario sends more than half of the present Opposition strength to Parliament. What the Tories seem just now resolved to do is to behave themselves, pursue a quiet course, and take chances of something developing which will give them an advantage against the Government. In this way they hope to gain strength.

Speaking of strength, the first division of the session occurred the other night. It was a snap affair, brought on suddenly just as the House was about to rise at six o'clock. A comparatively unimportant matter was under discussion, and one of the Ministers moved the adjournment of the debate. Mr. Clarke Wallace, who never rises to very dignified heights, interposed an objection, and before the thing seemed to be grasped by the members a vote was called on. A large number of Liberals had left the House for dinner, and the result was that the Government had a bare majority of nine. The Tory papers have indulged in a good deal of cheap exultation over this incident, but it really was without significance. It had no reference whatever to

the normal strength of the Government.

Some days ago an incident occurred in connection with the opening of the House which has caused a good deal of talk. The new speaker, Mr. Brodeur, is a French Canadian, and quite naturally reads the prayers in the French language. This has always been done whenever a Speaker of that nationality has been in the chair. During prayers the other day Mr. Fowler, the new member for King's, N. B., not only did not rise, as did every other member of the House, but sat throughout the exercise at his desk and busied himself with the writing and mailing of letters. It might not be fair to attribute a motive to Mr. Fowler in this extraordinary and unprecedented action; but, to say the least, it was an offensive piece of thoughtlessness. It is inconceivable that he did not know what was going on. Members never rise in a body except during prayers and when a message is received from the Governor General. Hitherto, no one was ever known to retain his seat in either of these events.

This reference to the member for King's calls to mind what has been going on up here in Ontario as affecting the interests of Mr. Foster. There is a vacancy in the constituency of West Hastings, caused by the retirement of Mr. Corby. Mr. Corby had a majority in the last fight of over 500. West Hastings, therefore, may be considered a safe Tory seat. It was very natural that Mr. Foster's name should be mentioned in connection therewith. Whatever hopes may have been encouraged by the ex-Minister in this regard have been dashed to the ground by a particularly outspoken statement by Mr. Corby. In a recent interview he said:

"Now, where do you suppose, does this report about Hon. Mr. Foster come from? It must come from the Grits, who, perhaps, think they can stir up strife among the members of our West Hastings happy family. Do the Conservatives of West Hastings want any outsiders? Not in a thousand years. We have plenty of good talented, local men who are willing to take the nomination and carry the Conservative banner to victory. The Conservatives of the riding know their duty, and when the time arrives for the selection of a candidate they will do it without the interference of or suggestions from Ministerial interlopers."

The only other constituency in Ontario open at present is North Bruce; but North Bruce gave a Conservative majority of one only. It would be absurd to think of running Mr. Foster there. An outsider would be beaten out of sight. Unless some one resigns, therefore, it is quite clear that Mr. Foster cannot find a seat in Ontario, and no one seems to be willing to make this sacrifice. Yet it is apparent that the Opposition will make a very poor show in Parliament without him. They are singularly deficient in speaking talent, and outside of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper there is not a man left among them of first-class ability in that regard. On the other hand, the Liberals have a splendid array of good talkers, and some of the new members are likely to make a considerable name for themselves in the present Parliament.

The long talked of Pacific Cable is likely to become an accomplished fact before long, and having reference to Canada's contribution the Post Master General has given notice of the following resolution: That whereas by the Pacific cable act in 1899 his Excellency in Council is authorized to guarantee payment of five eightieths of the principal sum of £1,700,000 sterling to be applied in establishing direct submarine telegraphic communication between Canada and Australia; and whereas in lieu of said sum of £1,700,000, it is estimated that for the purpose aforesaid there will be required a sum not exceeding £2,000,000, which the sum the Government of the United Kingdom is willing to advance; that the Governor in Council is authorized to guarantee payment of five-eightieths of the principal and interest of and upon the securities to be issued by the Government of the United Kingdom for raising the said sum, namely, £2,000,000, to be advanced.

For some years past there has been a determined effort made by the Opposition to misrepresent the attitude of the Government on the matter of binder twine,

the object being to lead the farmers of the country to feel that they had a grievance. In precisely the same way, and actuated by the same motive, a persistent attempt is made to stir up trouble over the Alien Labor Law. The binder twine matter came up in the House on Wednesday night, and after a good deal of discussion a division was called on. The Conservatives suddenly realized that they were committing a blunder, and to save themselves they all voted with the Government. The result was 156 yeas to no nays. The policy of the Government is to offer the twine manufactured at the penitentiaries to the farmers directly at cost, and to put up the remainder of the stock to public competition. This ought to be considered a perfectly fair matter.

Hon. John Costigan has given notice of a resolution calling upon Parliament to present a humble prayer to the Imperial authorities to strike out the "no Popery" part of the Royal Oath. The resolution is a very moderate one, couched in respectful terms, and simply sets forth the fact that the Test Oath is an unnecessary offence to Roman Catholics, who, in Canada, make up more than 40 per cent. of the population. The matter will come up for discussion probably during the week approaching.

Mr. Bourassa, whose pro-Boer sympathies has never been concealed, has given notice of a resolution asking Parliament to declare that the war in South Africa should be brought to an end by giving the Boers their independence. Mr. Bourassa must have a very queer notion of the integrity of Parliament and the Canadian people. He surely could not expect us to stultify ourselves to the extent of sending troops to South Africa, and then at the very tail end of the struggle to ask Great Britain to abandon the war which has already cost so much in life and treasure. The fate of his resolution is a foregone conclusion.

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ARCHIBALD PARKS, A ST. MARTIN'S SAILOR, DROWNED IN THE BAY OF FUNDY.

(St. John Telegraph.)

The Small packet schooner Maud, with Captain Charles Smith and Seamen Archibald Parks on board, sailed from St. Martins Friday morning bound for St. John and returned to St. Martins late in the afternoon, reporting the loss of Parks.

When the Maud sailed for St. Martins the wind was blowing half a gale and a heavy sea was running in the Bay of Fundy. Everything went along well for a time although the two men found their task of working the vessel a hard one.

When off a point known as Giffan's Pond, which is about half way between St. Martins and Taymouth Creek, Capt. Smith found it desirable to return to St. Martins, being unable to beat against the heavy wind and sea. While at this work Archibald Parks was knocked overboard and drowned. Capt. Smith saw the accident, but, being alone in such weather, could do nothing to save his comrade who soon disappeared beneath the water. Capt. Smith, then being alone, found his task a hard one in handling the vessel, and it was not without many narrow escapes that he safely arrived in St. Martins, where he reported the sad news.

Archibald Parks was 26 years of age and a resident of St. Martins where he is well and favorably known. He leaves a wife and one child who reside at St. Martins. His father and mother are also there. The news has cast a gloom over the village and much sympathy is expressed for the sorrowing relatives. Both Capt. Smith and the deceased were very competent mariners and Parks held a first mate's certificate. He is a son of Mr. George Parks who, with his father, carried on an extensive business in shipbuilding.

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VIGOROUS OLD AGE

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Mr. William Gray, of Newmarket Tells How He Became Hale and hearty at the Advanced Age of Seventy After Having Suffered Great Torture from Sciatica and Rheumatism.

From the Express, Newmarket, Ont.

Mr. William Gray, who is well and favorably known in the town of Newmarket and vicinity, is rejoicing over his release from the pains of sciatica and rheumatism through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. A reporter of the Express called upon him for the purpose of obtaining particulars of the cure when Mr. Gray gave the following story for publication:—"About two and a half years ago I was seized with a very severe attack of rheumatism. The pain was simply torturing. At times the trouble was seated in my knees, then in my hips. For nearly a year I suffered along, working as best I could, in the hope of being able to overcome the disease. During the day the pain was less severe, but at night it was just as bad as ever. To increase my torture I caught a cold which resulted in an attack of sciatica in my right leg. If I walked a short distance I would be seized by sharp pains in the hip and in time I became a used up man; my appetite failed me, and I could not rest at night on account of the pain. I tried one medicine after another without avail. I also consulted doctors with no better result. I was beginning to think that I was doomed to suffer the rest of my life when one day a friend strongly advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I took his advice and procured a supply of the pills and began taking them according to directions. Before the third box was finished I noted a change for the better, so I continued the use of the pills till I had taken ten or twelve boxes when my trouble had entirely disappeared. To-day I am free from pain and feel that life is worth living, even at the ripe old age of seventy. I can now do a day's work with many men who are twenty years younger than I. I thank God for my restoration to health through the agency of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I trust other similar sufferers will give them a trial, for knowing what these pills have done for me I am sure that they cannot fail being as beneficial to others similarly afflicted.

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