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OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

OTTAWA, 21st March .- A change has come over Parliament. For weeks past there has been nothing more exciting than an occasional an desultory skirmish; but this week we have had a general engagement, with heavy firing from both sides. This has had the effect of filling up the galleries and bringing the members from the Commons building into the Chamber. The champions on each side have stepped forth in their armor, and all week the esting battle.

and this was the signal for the opening of hostilities. Mr. Fielding did not speak longer than an hour and a half; but in that time he said enough to cheer the it was a perfect tariff; but it had proved hearts of those on the Government side and the hearts of all those who are concerned in the progress and prosperity of the country. He remarked at the outset that, when speaking last year on a similar occasion, he had expressed the opinion that the Dominion had about reached the crest of the wave of business activity. He had not then anticipated depression; but had merely suggested that a check might be looked for in the continued advancement of the country by the leaps and bounds which had marked preceding

His fears had not, however, been realized. The business condition of the country during the past year had been most satisfactory. In every branch of industry there had been the most gratifying prosperity, while in the paramount industry of agriculture, which he regarded as the very foundation of the country's resources, the transportation facilities had been overtaxed in order to carry away the fruits of the harvest. The only disappointment of the year had been the results of the census, and while these were unsatisfactory they were not discouraging.

The revenue for 1901 had reached the unprecedented figure of \$52,514 701. This had been brought about by an increase from all the sources of income, the leading item being \$450,190 from excise. The next largest item of increase was in receipts from the Intercolonial, the figures being \$439,219. The Post Office had yielded \$235,969 more than the preceding year, and notwithstanding the reduction in postage the income from the sale of stamps is already greater than it was before the change. Such a result affords strong testimony of the happy conditions which prevail throughout the country.

The expenditure on consolidated fund was \$46,866,367, or an increase of \$3,891,-088 over 1900. There was thus a surplus before the House adjourned for that sit. judgment of Parliament was on the side for the year of \$5,700,000 The capital ting. expenditure had, however, been excep-Sonally large during the year; so that the Let result had been to increase the public debt by nearly \$6,000,000. This was really the first large increase during the Liberal regime; but when measured against the record for the Conservative period it was not a thing to occasion alarm. During 18 years the Tories increased the debt by an average of \$6,563,075; while for the six years of Liberal rule the average annual increase will fall far below \$3 000,000. This ought to be regarded by every reasonable man as an exceeding-

ly satisfactory result. Mr. Fielding gave many statistical proofs of the abounding prosperity of the Dominion during the past year. Our total trade had increased by \$5,385,921, chiefly in exports. As compared with 1900 the deposits of the people in the chartered banks had increased \$3.518,- leader of the Opposition, and he did so

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their working quarters in various parts of 713, while in the savings banks \$4,598,860 in that masterly way which always marks had been added to the total sum on de. his efforts in Parliament. . Some form of posit. The circulation of Dominion bank | rheumatic gout has made it almost imnotes showed an excess over the previous possible for Sir Richard to walk; but he Commons has been ringing with cheers | year of \$5,118,621; while, as a further and counter cheers. It has been an inter- proof of commercial expansion, the tons on Tuesday, and spoke with all his oldof freight carried over the railway had in- time vigor and incisiveness. It is always The budget was delivered on Monday, creased during the year by 1,043,188.

> there would not be any changes in the tariff this session. He did not claim that very successful. Any one comparing the | must be held over until next week. conditions to-day with those which pre-Nothing would be more likely to unsettle tariff, and hence the Government had resisted applications for many small changes. necessity arose.

tion was moderate and as effective as possible from the standpoint of the Conservahe would enlarge upon the expenditure during recent years, and point to the increases as evidence of broken faith on the part of Liberals That matter has, however, been so often discussed, and the judgment of the people at large has been so frequently expressed in relation to it, that it is not worth while to go into the subject just now. Suffice it to say, that Mr. Borden presented the case in the thoroughly one-sided way that is usual with Conservatives and their press.

The element of novelty in the speech of the leader of the Opposition was the moving of an amendment to the effect that, "This House, regarding the operation of the present tariff as unsatisfactory, is of opinion that this country requires a declared policy of such adequate protection to its labor, agricultural products, manufactures and industries, as will at all times secure the Canadian market for Canadians. And, while thus firmly maintaining the necessity of such protection to Canadian interests, this House affirms its belief in a policy of reciprocal trade proferences within the Empire." Mr. Borden was barely able to introduce this amendment

It will be seen at a glance that this amendment effectively disposes of the contention which has been so often made by Conservatives, both in Parliament and in the press, that the present Government has practically adopted the National Policy. In future no one will be able to advance that argument at least. The Opposition are now committed to the view that the present Administration has cut away from protection, and that the National Policy, neither in letter nor in essence, is involved in the present tariff. This is one thing which Mr. Borden's amendment will definitely settle, although that was not the purpose he had in view. The motion itself is brought forward now in the hope that it may be turned to good

times may not be so prosperous. Sir Richard Cartwright replied to the

stood on his feet for nearly three hours a pleasure to listen to his refined diction The Minister of Finance announced that | and trenchant arguments. Space is not left me to take np the points which Sir Richard brought forward, particularly those in relation to the census, and they

The hottest fight of the week arose over vailed under the period of the National | the effort of the Opposition to compel the Policy would be bound to admit that the Government to call P. S. Archibald as a changes made in 1897 had been vindicated | witness before the Public Accounts Comby results. It was important there should mittee, It will be remembered that rebe a reasonable measure of tariff stability. ference was made to this matter in last week's letter. When the motion came business than to begin tinkering with the | up in the House Mr. Blair explained frankly and fully why he opposed the calling of Mr. Archibald. He pointed out Adjustments might take place later as that the matter under inquiry had reference wholly to matters of account; that The reply of the leader of the Opposi- Mr. Archibald knew nothing about Intercolonial accounts; that he could not possibly throw any light on the subject, and tives. It was quite to be expected that | that it was unreasonable to ask Parlia. ment to sanction his being summoned. He also made it quite clear that Mr. Archibald had been dismissed for corrupt partisanship in 1897, and that his object in coming to Ottawa would not be to give impartial testimony, but to say anything he could to hurt the men who had dismissed him. He had been at Ottawa in previous sessions, living at the public expense for weeks at a stretch, and it was about time that sort of thing was brought to a stop.

Of course, the Opposition made a violent outcry against this course. They tried to make it appear that Mr. Blair was afraid to have Mr. Archibald called. This insinuation was warmly resented by Mr. Fielding, who challenged the Opposition to make a charge against the conduct of the Intercolonial, assuring them that if they did so they could summon all the witnesses they pleased; but it was indefensible to go on year after year bringing up Mr. Archibald to Ottawa to give worthless testimony. In the absence of any charge whatever it could only be expected that competent witnesses would be brought to Ottawa at public expense. The of this view, and the motion to call Mr. Archibald was defeated by a majority of

The budget debate is still in progress, and to those who sit in the galleries it must sound very much like a political campaign. It is not thought that it will last longer than the early part of next

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CECIL RHODES DEAD.

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HIS LIFE'S OBJECT.

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#### THE MARITIME WINTER FAIR.

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ture, and the Governments of each of the a complaint that there was not given that Maritime Provinces have promised substantial aid, and officers of the various departments of Agriculture will join with the Maritime Stock Breeders' Association in the management of the show.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Maritime Stock. Breeders' Association was held recently, at which Mr. F. W. Hodson, Dominion Live Stock Commissioner, was present, and a prize list was decided upon.

The prizes arranged for will, for fat | Senator Wark was one of the first stock, be upon even a more liberal scale than last year. Over \$400 dollars will be given to dairy classes, and a considerable number of special prizes put up. If the poultry men of the Maritime Provinces desire it, a liberal prize list will be put up for live poultry. All the educational features of the last exhibition will be en- ed the improvement of Canada's trade relarged upon, and the best live stock specialists in the world will be secured as judges and lecturers.

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WASHINGTON, March 27 .- Dr. T. De-Witt Talmage is dangerously ill at his residence on Massachusetts avenue, in this city, and the gravest fears are entertained for his recovery. It was said to-day by a friend of the family that a fatal termination would not be a surprise. Dr. Tal- in the North-West Legislature on Thurscold en route to Washington, and has been since lying in a semi-comatose condition.

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HON. DAVID WARK.

WICK SENATOR HAS DONE GOOD

The oldest member of any Parliament in the British Empire, and probably the oldest representative in any of the national assemblis of earth, is the Hon. David Wark of Fredericton, New Brunswick, who has just entered upon the ninetyninth year of his useful career, writes the Ottawa correspondent of The Montreal Witness. Fifty-seven years ago he was Kingston, Ont. chosen member for the County of Kent in the New Brunswick Legislature. After playing an active part in that body at confederation, he was raised to the Canadian Senate, which he has attended without interruption since 1867. Mr. Wark's life has been one of value to his country. In one sense he may be termed the father of the Canadian Confederation, since it was the results drawn from legislation of his framing that convinced the colonies in favor of union. On his initiative there was adopted twenty years before the union a free interchange of commodities between Britain's several colonies on the northern half of this continent. The advantages of this broad-minded step were made plain to all, and gradually there came a conviction that instead of rivalry the position of all would be screngthened before the world by a joining of interests.

A marvellous monument of the results of regular habits and temperate living is clear of mind and as vigorous of frame as most men twenty years his junior. There is nothing that would offend him more than an offer of support. Sturdy independence has been a leading characteristic of his whole life. The very messenger who stepped forward to help him on with his coat would be waved back. The fire of the born reformer still shines in his The Dominion Department of Agricul- eye. His last address in the Senate was branch of the Legislature more to do. Three quarters of a century on Canadian soil has not clouded his love for Ireland, the land of his birth. Mr. Wark's longevity comes of no fad practice. He has taken regular exercise and retrained from too vigorous indulgence in table delicacies. For years he has eaten but two meals a day-breakfast and tea-but in this, as well as all else, he has adhered to regulari-

public men in this section of the empire to identify himself with the Imperial federation movement. He is in favor of any policy that would strengthen the bond between the motherland and her colonies. He would vote to-morrow for intercolonial free trade. He has long advocatlations with the United States. The breadth of view which prompted his first public act of consequence-the adoption The new prize lists will be available of free trade between the anits of British North America -- has been apparent in almost every speech he made. He would like to see confederation rounded off by the inclusion of Newfoundland. In Parliament this wonderful old man has consistently supported every movement that was calculated to elevate the people's morals. In a letter written by his own hand the other day Senator Wark anuounces that he will probably be up to Ottawa for a portion of the session.

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In an assignment recorded Dec. 19, 1901, the entire right was transferred to the Berry Improved Seamless Tooth Crown Co., by W. M. Berry et ai, in an invention relating to Machines for controlling Sheet Metal Articles around hard metal dies, Sr. No. 633,114. The consideration was \$13,000. Chicago, Ill.

Charles L. Dunham & J. W. Hutchinson, on the 17th of Dec. 1901, assigned to the Eureka Tongs Co., of Scio, Ohio, their entire right to patent No. 656,154, for pipe wrench for \$6,000.

C. Dorn et al, assigned the entire right to patent No 618,680 for Dash Pot Valves, on the 18th of December, for \$4,000, to A. G. Foroutle, of Philadelphia, Pa.

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President, Barney A. Eckhart, Chicago; first vice-president, Henry L. Little, Indianapolis; second vice president, ex-Gov. E O. Stanard, Missouri; treasurer, W. C. Ellis, St. Louis.

In his address President Eckhart declared that the new federation should endeavor to extend the flour maket by diplomatic commercial reciprocity treaties 'or otherwise."

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The Hanover Courier says the commercial trearty negotiations are almost concluded between Austria and Italy.

An American syndicate will build a metropolitan railway in St. Petersburg to supersede the horse cars, at a cost of

The United States officals at Montreal say that at least one handsome residence has been erected at Westmount out of the business of smuggling Chinese into the States, and latterly, as the vigilance of the officials has increased, the market price of safe conduct across the border to the United States has risen from \$100 to \$200.