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OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

Opposition Wasting the Time of the House

IN USELESS DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET.

Speeches Repeated Over and Over Again Ad Nauseum.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, April 4.—This has been a dreary week in Parliament. The members returned from their Easter holiday on Tuesday, and resumed at once the debate on the budget, which began two weeks ago. They could not have done this with any genuine relish; for the subject has been discussed in all its bearings over and over again, and not one of the speakers has been able to contribute a single original or striking thought to the controversy. What Mr. Borden and the first two or three members who followed him said has been repeated in substance by all the succeeding talkers. They have dressed the matter up in a change of words; but the essence has been the same.

It is distinctly creditable to the chief deliberative assembly of the nation that weeks of valuable and costly time should be taken up with this sort of useless repetition of speeches. The purpose is, of course, quite obvious. The men who talk are not really addressing themselves to the House. They are only concerned that the official reporters shall get down what they say, and that afterwards copies of Hansard may be available for distribution throughout their riding. In this way Parliament is made the arena for campaigning, and until public judgment is aroused in relation to the matter the thing will probably go on from bad to worse. As the time for an election approaches this abuse of the functions of Parliament is likely to become more aggravated.

This talking for campaign purposes is peculiarly the sin of the Opposition. In the former regime the Liberals were not entirely free from the reproach of using the machinery of parliament for the distribution of partisan literature; but what they did in a mild way has been carried by the Conservatives to unreasonable extremes. Both sides ought to be ashamed of such tactics, and of such an exhibition as has been going on here at Ottawa ever since 1896. One of the direct effects is to materially reduce the time of Parliament for the proper discussion of matters of broad and national interest, and to that extent the country loses. Politics will always be inseparable from the form of Government which we have; but there is no defence for this interminable speech making on purely partisan topics.

A sample speech from the Conservative side was made by Mr. Porter at the opening of the House on Tuesday. In principle and general tenor it was precisely the same as a score of those which had preceded it. He struggled valiantly with the proposition that the present tariff embodies the essence of the National Policy, and yet is unsatisfactory. In this view he claimed that all the prosperity which the country had enjoyed since 1896 was due to the protective principle left in the tariff, while the alleged depression in several industries was due to the reductions which the Liberals had made. It is surprising that men should stand up in Parliament and in apparent earnestness assert such a claim.

The relations between Canada and the United States was a theme which Mr. Porter discussed in common with his predecessors in the debate. His object was to make it appear that the present administration had at one time magnified the importance of freer commercial intercourse with our neighbors to the South, but had really done nothing to carry out that policy. Such a statement could only be made by ignoring the plain facts of modern history. It is true that the Liberals have failed to secure reciprocity with the United States; but this result has not come about for the want of trying. No reasonable nor unprejudiced person will say that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues have not honestly tried, with patient perseverance, to bring about better trade relations between the Dominion and the American Republic. In fact, negotiations have not yet ceased. Mr. Porter rated the government for

promising many reforms in the various departments of the public service, and doing nothing in that direction when power was entrusted to them. This is a taunt which smacks of cowardice. If the present ministers have chosen to leave in office thousands of the appointees of their predecessors, and have elected to follow along lines laid down in past years, Conservatives ought at all times to commend such a course, rather than to speak of it as a thing reflecting upon the courage of Liberals. Fair minded men will be disposed to question the good taste of the Opposition in this regard.

Of course, the speaker of Tuesday last had much to say about the public expenditure. He claimed that the Liberals had attained office on a distinct pledge to reduce the outgo, while they had actually largely increased it. Like those who had gone before in the debate, he did not read that plank in the Liberal platform which was adopted in 1893 in relation to expenditure. Had he done so, he would have found that not a word was said about reducing the expenditures; but rather the "strictest economy" was enjoined. Economy is a relative thing, and must always be measured by the amount of money available. When the Liberals adopted their platform in 1893 the revenue was declining and the expenditure increasing; so that huge deficits were the result. Under Liberal rule the public income has been nearly doubled, and the combined surpluses since 1896 exceed \$20,000,000 and it cannot fairly be said that the present government has failed to exercise economy.

Right at this point it may not be amiss to interpolate a fact or two with respect to the public revenue for the nine months of the current fiscal year. Up to the end of March the receipts from Customs amounted to \$23,598,608, as against \$21,640,015 for the corresponding period last year. It is estimated from present indications that the Customs revenue for the year will be nearly \$2,000,000 greater than in 1901. The receipts from inland revenue, consisting largely of excise on spirits and tobacco, are also mounting steadily upward, so that another large surplus is clearly in view. At the same time, the estimates before Parliament are based on a lower expenditure, which ought to be satisfactory to the most prudent person in the land.

Like all the Conservatives in Parliament, Mr. Porter did a lot of amazing juggling with ordinary and capital expenditure in order to build up a sum sufficiently large to show how terribly prodigal the Liberals now in office have been. Space will not permit his figures to be given; but, of course, he quite neglected to point out that many millions of the total consisted of a pure matter of book-keeping. For example, Parliament is called upon to vote every dollar of money required to carry on the Intercolonial; but, on the other hand, while these appropriations are nearly twice as large as they were in 1896 the receipts are in proportion. The same is true of the Post Office and the Yukon. In the very nature of things the outgo for these services must always be approximate to the income.

Beneath all of Mr. Porter's criticism in relation to the public expenditure was the implied reproach that the Liberals are spending the money in such a way as to keep themselves in office. This charge is in keeping with the familiar political axiom that all Oppositions believe all Governments to be corrupt. It is quite another thing, however, to establish such an allegation. At the same time it is not an easy thing to answer this sort of fault-finding. The course of the Opposition in this regard is like calling on an honest man to prove his honesty. If the twelve apostles were carrying on the government of Canada they could not do so in such a way as to prevent their opponents from imputing all sorts of bad motives, and they could only do as the present ministers are doing—quietly leave the matter to an on-looker and fairly just plain.

It is not expected that a division will take place before Tuesday or Wednesday next, and then the Government having withdrawn all legislation, the Opposition will not have an excuse for failing to proceed in a business-like way with the consideration of the estimates. It is inevitable that a fierce attack will be made upon the administration of the Intercolonial; but Mr. Blair will probably be prepared to defend his course as ably as he has done in the past.

PICKING THE NOSE is a common symptom of worms. Mothers who suspect their child is troubled with worms should administer Dr. Low's Worm Syrup. It is pleasant, safe and effectual.

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

An Interesting Budget of News

FROM DIFFERENT LOCALITIES.

TEMPERANCE VALE.

(Special correspondence to the Herald.)

April 2.—MacDonald Bros.' drive is progressing rapidly. They have about sixty men on and are in hopes to finish this week.

There is to be an oyster supper at Mr. C. Woodman's tonight in honor of H. Corey.

Miss Bessie McElwain is home from St. Stephen for a few weeks vacation.

Mrs. I. C. Morrison and son Chester, of Granite Hill, have been visiting relatives here.

Rev. E. MacDonald preached a very impressive sermon on Easter morning.

Edward Morse has gone to Nova Scotia for a few week's visit to relatives and friends.

A. Bartlett did a good day's ploughing on March 31st.

NASHWAAK VILLAGE.

(Special correspondence to the Herald.)

April 3.—Mrs. J. W. Smith who has been ill with an attack of pleurisy, is recovering.

Mrs. K. Shields of Peniac, is visiting her old friends here.

Miss Mary Richards and Miss Flossie Lint of Marysville, are visiting Mrs. Odour Dunphy.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Watson Smith are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a young son.

Mrs. James McNeill has been ill all winter and we regret to know she is not any better. Dr. Moore is attending her.

Mrs. Chris Manzer fell and broke a bone in her wrist, a few weeks ago. We are glad to report her as doing nicely. She is attended by Dr. Mullin.

The ice freshet has done considerable damage to the flats and Islands along here.

Misses Lizzie and Myrtle Gordon spent Easter with their parents.

Misses Jean and Ada White of Fredericton, spent Easter with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael White.

ANDOVER.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

April 4.—The Methodist church of Andover was the scene of a pretty wedding April 2nd at 5 o'clock p. m., when Miss Mabel Everett and George F. Brooks were united in marriage by Rev. J. Spicer, B. A. The bride who was given away by her father looked very pretty in white organdie, bridal veil and orange blossoms. The bridesmaid, Miss Lillian Brooks sister of the groom, was becomingly gowned in blue and white organdie with lace trimmings. The groom was supported by Chesley Everett, brother of the bride. The church was tastefully decorated by many beautiful plants kindly furnished by a number of the ladies of Andover. The bridal party stood under an arch of evergreens, and while Guy Porter, son of James Porter, M. P. P., and Fred Hoyt, son of Ernest Hoyt, postmaster, acted as ushers. Miss Annie Kilburn played a wedding march. After the ceremony the bridal party with a few friends repaired to the home of the bride, Mr. Charles Everett's for tea, after a pleasant evening the bride and groom went to their new home only a short distance away.

LAKE GEORGE.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

March 30.—William Ballentine who has been very ill is recovering rapidly.

Mrs. George Grieves who has been very sick is, we are glad to say, recovering.

Mrs. Sarah Lawson who has been sick with bronchitis is improving.

Leaser McLean lost a very valuable horse the other night.

Samuel Hoskins lost a fine cow.

James Donnelly intends putting up a new barn this summer.

John McMurray's saw mill has been shut down for the past week on account of high water.

Miss Katie Hatch made a flying trip to Magalloway last week.

Henry Donnelly and sons have gone to Pokiook to spend the summer with Messrs. Gilman & Burden. We wish them success.

Fred Hoyt who has been with W. G. Hatch for the winter has arrived home hale and hearty.

We are sorry to say that we have lost one of our most popular ladies, Mrs. James Moody, who has gone to the far west to make her future home with her son, C. F. Moody.

Messrs. B. Donnelly and J. McLean, of this place, made a pleasant trip to Hawshaw the other day.

HARTLAND.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

April 2.—We are beginning to think now that we may have some fine weather. The sun is shining on us today. We have mud in abundance but a few fine days will give us good roads again.

The water is rising in the river very fast. The lumbermen are picking up all the availing men for stream driving; hundreds are passing by here every day.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Rideout and Miss Barker spent Easter at Four Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Graham spent Easter in Woodstock.

Mrs. T. Hammond of Houlton, Maine, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Keswick.

Hartland has miraculously escaped from fire, but today the house of C. Hirst was burned to the ground. The fire is supposed to have originated from sparks from a flue. The furniture was nearly all saved. It is reported that Mr. Hirst has some insurance.

Sorrow has entered three homes in this vicinity this week. Mr. N. Belyea has been called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, Mrs. S. Adams mourns for a husband, while Mr. and Mrs. C. Gillen mourn the loss of their eldest daughter, Bell.

The youngest son of D. Nixon is reported very ill.

Mrs. A. Aiten has gone to Montreal, where she has undergone an operation at the Royal Victoria Hospital. A letter today gives a good report. Grave doubts were entertained regarding her recovery for a few days, but her friends will be glad to know that she will recover.

F. H. Stevens, editor of the Hartland Advertiser, is incapacitated by an attack of gastritis. His sister May is managing the business for him.

The worries of a weak and sick mother are only begun with the birth of her child. By day her work is constantly interrupted and at night her rest is broken by the wailing of the peevish, puny infant. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription makes weak women strong and sick women well. It lightens all the burdens of maternity, giving to mothers strength and vigor, which they impart to their children. In over thirty years of practice Dr. Pierce and his associate staff of nearly a score of physicians have treated and cured more than half a million suffering women. Sick women are invited to consult Dr. Pierce by letter free of charge. All correspondence is strictly private. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y.

The public funeral of Mr. Rhodes took place at Cape Town, after which the coffin was placed on board a train for Rhodesia.

PALE GIRLS

Too bad to see the health and beauty of a young girl fade away. This often happens to girls between the ages of twelve and twenty. Girlhood ought to be a time of perfect health. Pale blood—a blood disease—is a common enemy of good health in our girls.

Scott's Emulsion is having remarkable success in bringing back the roses to those pale faces.

All the mental and bodily trouble that go with pale blood are relieved by this treatment—Scott's Emulsion. Mothers of pale daughters should see that they get it.

We'll send you a little to try if you like. SCOTT & BOWNE Chemists, Toronto

Speaker's Sore Throat.

Public speakers and singers know how useless and sickening are cough mixtures, sprays, lozengers, &c., for irritable or sore throat, and state that the most satisfactory remedy is Catarrhzone, the advantage of which is that it acts quickly and is convenient to use in public places. Catarrhzone relieves congestion, allays inflammation, and is a protection to membrane. As a safe guard against colds and Catarrh it has no equal. Rev. Mr. McKay, Goderich, says "Catarrhzone is an excellent remedy for throat irritation arising from throat irritation." Physicians, ministers, and singers recommend Catarrhzone, druggists sell it for \$1. Small size 25c. By mail from Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

Japan has begun to practice economy by dismissing 9,000 servants, or 14 per cent. of the total number employed.

There's a Story in Morning Tiredness.

A story of poor blood, weakened nerves, of a starved brain. Plenty of food, mind you, but perhaps poorly prepared and too poorly digested to maintain a vigorous body. Ferrozone quickly makes blood, gives strength to the nerves, cures the fagged feeling that prevent vigorous thought and action. Use Ferrozone, it makes blood and good blood feeds the nerves. Strong and vigorous nerves are just another name for good health. If you seek health, and a relief from the tired morning feeling, use Ferrozone. Sold only by C. A. Burchill. Price 50 cts.

Archie Newstead, a well-to-do farmer of Waterloo Township, has disappeared. He was married about a month ago.

GOOD HEALTH IS IMPOSSIBLE without regular action of the bowels. Laxa-Liver Pills regulate the bowels, cure constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness and sick headache.

Five stores at London, Ont., were broken into and robbed in one night.

Neuralgia Almost Drives People Mad.

Only those who have suffered it, know of the darting, distracting pains and aches neuralgia inflicts. Ordinary remedies don't even relieve. It requires an extraordinarily strong, penetrating liniment to drive out the pain. To get relief rub Polson's Nerviline into the spot. Pain can't resist Nerviline which has five times the strength of any other liniment. Drives out Neuralgia in half an hour. Never fails! Never harms! always successful. Try a large 25 cent bottle.

Walter and Isaac Kersey of Edy's Mills, were acquitted at the Sarnia Assizes of a charge of robbing the mails. They will be tried on the charge of stealing a mail package containing \$14,000.

BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS is the best known remedy for Dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness, and will cure all blood diseases from a common pimple to the worst rofulous sore.

Thorwald Hansen was found guilty at Montreal of murdering Eric Matotte, a nine-year-old boy, for a few cents, and sentenced to hang on June 13.

Great Difference in Corn Cures.

Many are destructive to the flesh and dangerous to use, but the old reliable, Putnam's Corn Extractor removes Corns, Warts and Bunions, without pain in 24 hours. No pain, no failure. "Putnam's" cures.

"A Lot of 'air."

The inhabitants of the little town of Somersby, in England, where Tennyson was born, are frank in giving their opinion of their distinguished fellow townsman. One old woman thus related her impressions of the poet to a visitor:

"'E was a very quiet man. 'E seemed as if 'e was 'alf asleep, with 'is eyes 'alf shut an' peepin', an' 'e used to poke at ye, loike 'i' fun, wi' 'is stick. 'E 'ad such a lot of 'air an' a long beard, an', sinkin' her voice confidentially, "'e never looked very clean; no, 'e didn't."

And this somewhat startling testimony was promptly confirmed by her husband, who added:

"If you'd met 'im gooin' along this dusty road, you'd 'a' taken 'im for a tramp gooin' to Brigg for a night's lodgin'."

The King a Golfer.

King Edward VII. is the first British monarch to play golf since the days of James II.

Lifebuoy Soap—disinfectant—is strongly recommended by the medical profession as a safeguard against infectious diseases.