

LEGISLATURE.

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South Africa what would it be in a struggle in which Great Britain was really in danger. Every man and every dollar that the colonies possessed would be at her service. We are attached to England by the ties of literature and language as well as of nationality.

But I do not look with sympathy on the proposal to tax the food of the British working classes for the benefit of Canada. The margin which they have to live on is very small and if their living was made dearer they would suffer. Why should we wish to tax the British working man. It is for our interest that England shall remain prosperous and continue to be the leading manufacturing nation of the world. What are a few cents on a bushel of wheat to a Manitoba farmer. I do not think there is the slightest prospect of the British people accepting Mr. Chamberlain's preferential scheme, but I shall vote for the resolution on account of the excellent amendment which has been attached to it.

Puzzled Mr. Loggie.

Mr. Loggie—I have listened with interest to the addresses on this resolution but I confess that there is one phase of it which I do not approve, the attempt to divide the House on federal party lines. We were not sent here to discuss the whys and wherefores of legislation at Ottawa and I should hesitate to vote on any resolution that would give a colour to my federal beliefs.

I differ from the member from Charlotte in his view as to the effects of preferential trade for while the price of bread might be slightly increased the duties on other necessities of life might be lightened. Here we are dealing with a broad principle that ought to commend itself to the house. I do not agree with the leader of the opposition when he characterizes the present preference as one sided. I think that it was a master policy but I also think it is not wise for us to draw distinct party lines here. I was not sent here to pass on the legislation of the Dominion Government.

Hon. Mr. Pagsley—How does it differ from passing an opinion on what they are doing in Great Britain.

Mr. Loggie—In Great Britain they have not passed on preferential trade, they have only talked about it. This is a coalition government and we are a coalition opposition and ought not to stand upon party platforms.

Rubbed it in.

Mr. Copp—I would not have spoken on this subject but for the remark of the member for Northumberland. He says that this is a party question and therefore I will speak upon it as a party man. I was at a meeting of the board of trade where a resolution similar to this was passed and I have noticed that these resolutions all emanate from gentlemen belonging to one political party. I cannot see how the mover of this resolution could have thought that it was possible to discuss it without politics. If we are going to take any part in declaring ourselves in favor of preferential trade, it is only fair that we should give credit where credit is due. The present Dominion government not only gave the mother country a preference but they gave it assistance in the war in South Africa. I feel that the Dominion government has done great things in bringing about preferential trade, and therefore I shall vote for the amendment.

Mr. Smith—When I proposed this resolution I did not think it would bring on such a serious debate. I think however, that we can afford to adopt this amendment whatever our political faith may be, because the preference given by the Dominion government is a step in the right direction.

The amendment was then put and carried, and the resolution as amended, was agreed to unanimously.

Adelaide.

Adelaide enjoys the distinction of being the oldest municipality in Australia. It was named after the Queen of William IV., in whose reign it was founded, and its principal thoroughfare bears the name of King William street. Its oldest newspaper, the South Australian Register, was first published in London as the organ of the South Australia Association, the body under whose auspices the pioneer settlers and founders of Adelaide were dispatched from England. The pioneer colonist were in sore straits when valuable copper mines were luckily discovered near Adelaide. The late Sir George Grey, who was appointed its governor at the early age of twenty-nine, materially helped to pull the place out of the slough of despond and rescued the infant settlement from imminent bankruptcy.

HERBERT SPENCER IN CANADA.

Some Interesting Reminiscences of His Visit to the Dominion.

The late Herbert Spencer was in Canada in 1882. He did not come as far west as Toronto, although a Montreal gentleman, who entertained him there, gives a local journal this account of his visit:

"On Sunday evening, September 2, 1882, Mr. Spencer, accompanied by his old friend, Mr. Edwin Lott, a banker from his native Derby, came to Montreal. When I entered their car at St. Lambert Mr. Spencer was dozing, but quickly aroused himself and stood up, a somewhat tall, slender man, his fair sunburnt face giving little token of the ill-health from which he had so long suffered. The next morning we walked to Mount Royal. A heavy shower soon obliged us to take refuge in a stone-breaker's shed on the Park road near the head of Peel street. Seated on the limestone, Mr. Spencer chatted of his early days as a railway engineer, and of Robert Stephenson, who had designed the Victoria Bridge. He distinctly remembered Mr. F. P. MacKellan, an engineer who long resided in Montreal, and who, in 1879, removed to Chicago. As young men they had met at Durham. He spoke of the shameful way in which landowners 'held up' the first English railway companies, sometimes demanding four times as much as their property was worth, and claiming damages from lines not so near as a mile to their estates. One of these plunderers, whom he named, gave a large sum for a public purpose, endeavoring to compensate for robbing Paul by giving Peter what he did not owe him. He was greatly impressed by the magnificence of New York; he thought the Capitol at Albany in bad taste."

"Mr. Spencer," continues the Montreal narrator, "was much interested in hearing from Dr. Sterry Hunt details concerning the earliest known organic remains, those of Eozoon Canadense, studied by Sir William Dawson and Dr. Hunt. Mr. Spencer said that he expected much new light to be shed on the evolution of life by deep-sea dredging. His talk was marvelously pointed and clear. A universal interest and a flawless memory were in plain and unobtrusive evidence every moment of that memorable hour. From his habit of detaching to an amanuensis he had acquired a precision of statement that made every sentence fit to print as it left his lips."

There is no place quite as dry as that where a river used to be.

The Epicurean Badger.

The badger is a great epicure in eggs, and much of the hostility of gamekeepers to this animal lies undoubtedly in the fact that it will, when it gets the chance, devour a whole nest of partridge or pheasant eggs. Badgers are said also to be fond of honey, and, knowing the extraordinary craving of their South African cousin, the ratel, for this delicacy, I should say it is not improbable that they may occasionally partake of it. It is certain that these animals have a particular liking for the nest and larvae of wasps and wild bees, digging down with strong feet and infinite perseverance till they attain their object. These animals are said by keepers to kill and devour freely young rabbits. That they do partake of this fare at times is, I think, certain, but that they destroy any very considerable number is more than doubtful. Still, the badger is carnivorous in his tastes and is not, even by his kindest friends, to be absolved from devouring at times tender rabbits and even the young of game birds when he can get hold of them.—Longman's.

Taking Pleasure Swiftly.

Take time to be merry, to "have a good time," and you will double your possibilities of health, wealth and happiness. Anglo-Saxons are made fun of because they take even their pleasures sadly. Their American cousins, with characteristic energy, make a business of it. Ian Maclaren's story of the American who was "doing" the United Kingdom is a good illustration of Jonathan's method of pleasuring. A visitor's card was brought to Dr. Watson (Ian Maclaren) in his study, but before he had time to read it his visitor stood before him and announced himself. "My name is Elijah K. Higgins," he said breathlessly, "and I am a busy man. You are also busy and have no time to fool away. Four days are all I can give to the United Kingdom, and I wished to shake hands with you. Goodbye! I am off to Drum-tachty!"—Success.

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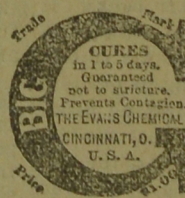
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