

TORY HYPOCRISY.

Evidenced in Bell's Resolution of Censure.

ENEMY'S TACTICS EXPOSED BY FIELDING.

Government's Substantial Majority.

Ottawa, Aug. 4.—In the House of Commons last night Mr. Bell of Picton moved a vote of censure on the government as follows:

"This house regrets that, notwithstanding the pledges of the Liberal party in opposition to reduce the taxation and expenditure, the government is maintaining a policy of high and steadily increasing taxation and expenditure, and is thus setting an example of wasteful and extravagant management of a character which must work serious injury to the people and interests of the country."

Fielding's Reply.

Hon. W. S. Fielding said that the speech of Mr. Bell was a repetition of the annual farce in which the opposition tried to make a charge of extravagance against the administration. Each year the country was warned that it was on the brink of ruin; each year was the cry of "Wolf, wolf." He advised Mr. Bell to take a lesson from it.

While the opposition talked against expenditure, they never offered to reduce it. "What item," he asked, "have the Conservative party moved to strike out? On the contrary they were asking for more expenditure. Only the day before Col Sam Hughes had abused the government because forsooth Canada is only spending 37 cent per head on the militia, less in proportion to our population than any country in the world, excepting Corea and Costa Rica. Hon. Mr. Haggart was a good party man and would vote for Mr. Bell's resolution. Still this was the same gentleman who accompanied a deputation to urge the building of the Georgian Bay and Montreal Canal, which involved an outlay of \$100,000,000.

Continuing the finance minister observed that last session the Conservative party did its best towards forcing the government into fitting out an expedition at the public expense to go searching for the north pole.

Conservative whip Taylor asked Mr. Fielding what about the proposed expenditure on the G. T. P.

Mr. Fielding countered by telling Mr. Taylor that Mr. Borden's alternative railway policy would have evolved an even larger expense, as it is the Conservative party has lent itself to the support of a proposal that the country should itself undertake the entire outlay on the G. T. P.

Last year the leader of the opposition totalling up the estimates, railway subsidies, etc., led the people of Canada to believe that the national expenditure would amount to \$200,000,000, but when the year had expired the actual returns showed a total of \$66,000,000.

The present government had undertaken many large works of importance, some of which yielded large returns. In 1895 the customs taxation of Canada represented \$3.50 per head of the population. In 1904 this had been increased to \$7.5. According to Mr. Bell's argument 1895 should have been a happy and prosperous year for this country. Mr. Bell would denounce that increase as a great evil, but, asked the finance minister, if the dominion was given its choice between 1895 and 1904 which would it choose?

The late government collected less money per head in taxation, but added enormously to the public debt. The present administration had carried on large improvements all over the country without adding one dollar to the public debt.

Enormous reductions had been made in the duty rates imposed under the Canadian customs tariff. The total duty on dutiable imports represented nearly three per cent, less last year than in 1896. The total duty on imports dutiable and free represented two and a half per cent, less than in 1896. These figures were taken from the official returns.

The government did not close its eyes to the swelling customs collections but the explanation was clear. The people of Canada were consuming more goods. The duty rates, he repeated, were lower than when this government took office.

The Conservative attack on this government's expenditures was most misleading and unfair. The opposition members reckoned upon the amount, spent upon the sinking fund, on the Yukon, on immigration, etc., without turning to the other side of the ledger and telling the public the return from these investments.

The total foreign trade had expanded in the last eight years from \$239,000,000 to \$470,000,000 and the bank deposits from \$183,000,000 to \$483,000,000. The little the Conservative party spent in their day concluded Mr. Fielding, "was extravagance because they spent more than they had, and they ran into debt, the sum that we spent was

economy, because we lived within our means." (Cheers.)

Mr. Henderson (of Haulton) followed.

R. L. Borden advised the government to increase the customs duties so as to shut out foreign goods.

The house divided on the amendment, which was lost by 48 for to 90 against, a majority of 42 for the government. The house then went into supply.

In supply on supplementary estimates of Intercolonial railway, Mr. Emmerson said that all the main line of the Intercolonial except 400 miles has been laid with 80 pound rails. There was a revote of \$495,000 for rails. He asked for \$1,000,000 for rolling stock, but the programme mapped out would require \$300,000 more, which he would ask for next year. A sum of \$68,500 for increased accommodation and facilities along the line was voted.

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(Special to Daily Herald.)

New Chang, Aug. 4.—General Kuroki with one hundred thousand men is now behind the Russian forces, General Oku, with an army of 50,000 men is on their front, while flanking behind them on the left is General Nozuand with his division of 50,000.

If General Kuropatkin is defeated in this battle he must either move westward or surrender.

The foreign military attaches are with the second army en route for the scene to witness the battle. Japanese troops are expected here tomorrow.

The Russian troops at Port Arthur have been driven back to their last line of defences.

The Japanese attacking force has three hundred and fifty guns in action.

Tokio, Aug. 4.—Twelve torpedo boat destroyers, four torpedo boats and some gunboats, merged from the harbour of Port Arthur on the night of August 1st, but were driven back again by Japanese warships on the outside.

The Japanese troops at the battle of Seguchang have advanced and occupied Sai Cheng.

This Morning's Despatches.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3, 1.13 p. m.—Whether an engagement is already progressing around Liao Yang between the forces of General Kuropatkin and the three Japanese armies which have moved from the south and east, the decisive battle of the campaign is regarded as certain if the Japanese energetically follow up their preliminary successes of the last three days.

The fighting has been of a desperate and bloody character, the Russians offering the most stubborn resistance. The losses therefore must be heavy on both sides. Between 6,000 and 8,000 men is one estimate of the Russian losses. All the estimates, however, are little better than guesswork, as yet, and possibly the Russian casualties may be much larger. The strong screen drawn around General Kuropatkin's interior positions has been driven in at all points, Hai Cheng being practically abandoned without a blow.

The Russian forces last night constituted a compact chain in the form of a semicircle around Liao Yang, extending from Anshan, half way between Hai Cheng and Liao Yang, to Anping, which is only 13 miles from Liao Yang. Unless the bulk of General Kuropatkin's army has already been withdrawn north of Liao Yang it is difficult to see how he could now do so with such great pressure, the Japanese being almost upon his main lines.

Inasmuch as portions of four army corps were engaged in the fighting up to last night and as these corps comprise three-quarters of the whole Russian army, it seems certain that nothing except a portion of the stores and munitions have yet been removed. Nevertheless well informed military attaches express the opinion that General Kuropatkin will get away with the bulk of the main army if he finds the chances against him.

Che Foo, Aug. 3, 6 p. m.—The steamer Wuchow, which has just arrived here from Newchwang brings further details of the latest Japanese assault on Port Arthur.

When nearing Che Foo, the Wuchow picked up a junk carrying seven men four men and one boy who left Port Arthur yesterday. They reported that the fighting north of the city of Port Arthur occurred on Wolf Hill and was sanguinary, resulting in the repulse of the Japanese. This hill is situated near the railroad, and eight trains were busy bringing the wounded soldiers into the city. The wounded men from the east forts reached Port Arthur in all kinds of vehicles, many, however, coming afoot, dragging shattered limbs.

The Russians unite in declaring that the fortress will never fall, but they expect that scarcely a building will be left in the city where now there is scarcely a whole pane of glass.

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