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THE OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.

The tenth parliament since confederation met on Wednesday, and was opened yesterday with the usual ceremonies. Among the interesting features of the occasion was a new governor general, and a new speaker. The former, Earl Grey, who has but recently arrived to take up his new duties as the representative in Canada of His Gracious Majesty, seems to have made an excellent impression. The Hon. R. F. Sutherland comes to the position of speaker with qualities that give promise of his being a worthy successor to those who have preceded him.

Premier Laurier enters upon his third parliament as leader under exceptionally favorable circumstances. He has the largest majority behind him of any Premier since confederation—the nearest approach being Sir John Macdonald's majority of 68 in 1878. He can look back with pride upon the magnificent results of his more than eight years of administration of the affairs of the country, and as he looks ahead the outlook is brighter than ever before. The patriotic(?) hopes of his opponents that their country would experience such hard times that the people would become discontented and cause a change of government, is not likely to be soon realized. It must be a source of the utmost gratification to him that the country responded so strongly to his appeal in favor of the great national railway. This great work is the crowning piece of statesmanship of his administration, and although fiercely opposed, it is not too much to prophesy that not many years will pass before it will be realized that the enemies of the project are the enemies of Canada.

How different the prospect to-day as compared with the year 1896, when the Premier took office. At that time the country was in the throes of race and religious controversy that threatened civil war; trade was struggling under heavy restrictions; our growth of population was almost at a standstill; the exodus of our people to the United States was alarming, while we were unable to keep the immigrants brought to our shores at great expense. What a change the infusion of common sense and fair dealing into the administration of affairs has made. It removed the threatening school question, it has doubled our trade, it has stopped the exodus, and instead we have settlers pouring into our western country by thousands every year, while an ever increasing volume of immigrants are coming into Canada and staying in and building up the country. Our great transportation problem has been taken up and so far as summer traffic is concerned has been solved. Our western grain traffic and a large part of the grain traffic of the American Northwest finds its way to market through Canadian ports. The Grand Trunk Pacific will do for the winter trade what the canals are doing for the summer trade.

Surely if there ever was a man that could witness an opening of parliament with pride, it is Sir Wilfrid Laurier on this occasion; and the country has good reason to join most heartily in the feelings that he must enjoy.

No doubt many matters of importance will be dealt with, but the country has every confidence that the conclusions arrived at will be in the best interests of Canada.

SLOW AND FAST EATERS.

Not quite everybody knows that the very dignified name of "tachyphagia" has been invented by the doctors for the very undignified habit of gobbling down food after the manner of the hastier and hungrier animals, but practically everybody does know—or fear—that this method of eating is a hygienic crime for which sooner or later, heavy penalties will be exacted by the "little Marys" that suffer such maltreatment. There is real novelty, however in the information supplied by an article in The Medical Record, that tachyphagia has its equally evil converse of "bradyphagia," which is eating too slowly and with exaggerated care in chewing the food. It is, of course, much less common than the crime of gobbling and bolting, but certain overleashed people do practice it to their great injury—thank Heaven! They are chiefly neuroasthenics, it seems, who have developed a morbid fear on the subject, and overdo the act of eating slowly, to their detriment, in consequence of the chronic inanition and temporary dysphagia that may follow. The author cites two cases of his own, illustrating this condition, one patient taking half an hour to drink a glass of milk, and the other requiring half an hour to consume half a plate of soup. The treatment consists in suitable advice, and, if necessary, in the administration of sedative drugs to allay the psychic excitement during the time of eating. It is well to learn this. Hitherto, when one of us has emptied his plate before somebody else at the table has made more than a good beginning, he has always felt a sense of guilt and reluctantly credited his slower companion with an obnoxious superiority of virtue or intelligence, but now it will be possible to charge the dilatory friend or relative—the joy will be particularly great in the case of a relative—with bradyphagia, and to prophesy for him an agonizing end if he does not reform. Thus will many a lecture be revenged in kind and many old scores be balanced.

CANADA DECLINES.

It is announced from Washington that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has finally declined the suggestion that the Joint High Commission shall be reconvened to consider questions arising between this country and Canada, of which reciprocity in trade is the most important.

We shall await with much interest the publication of the correspondence on this subject. Meanwhile we can only infer that our government did not find itself in a position to propose grounds of discussion of the reciprocity question which seemed likely to Sir Wilfrid to lead to any practical result. Certainly the tone of comment by the representatives of the administration, from Mr. Lodge down, has betrayed the fault which Canning said characterized the Dutch as negotiators, of "giving too little and asking too much." It is the theory of the protectionists that there is but one side to a good bargain, and no profit in trade except to the seller. That is not a theory on which reciprocity negotiations are likely to succeed.—New York Times.

In the cross petition filed by the member elect for Annapolis, N. S., the disqualification of the Conservative candidate is asked for on the ground that he and others in his behalf, had entered into a corrupt compact with C. E. Tanner, Pictou, and other persons in the province, to receive large sums of money, with the intent that such sums should be expended in obtaining votes and support by acts of bribery, treating and other corrupt practices within the meaning of the Dominion Elections Act; also for hiring and paying for vehicles to carry voters to and from the polls. The petition also claims that Mr. R. L. Borden and others entered into an agreement with Mr. David Russell, Mr. Hugh Crathern, of Montreal, whereby the latter were to furnish large sums of money to be spent in the Conservative interest during the election.

Count Tolstoi has opened book stores in Moscow and St. Petersburg and offers to furnish books for libraries at reduced rates. He must have an ambition to be the A. Carnegie of Russia.

A dispatch from South America says no revolutions are going on there at this time. It is midsummer in South America and the people probably are trying their best to keep cool.

James D. Fowler,

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MRS. DEVEBER DEAD.

Wife of Well Known Anglican Clergyman.

PASSES AWAY AT ST. JOHN AT A RIPE OLD AGE.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

St. John, Jan 13.—Mrs. Elizabeth Maria DeVeber, wife of Rev. Canon W. H. DeVeber, formerly rector of St. Paul's (Valley) church died this morning at 6.30 o'clock, at her residence, Charlotte street. Deceased was a daughter of the late Dr. Paddock of this city and was in her 75th year.

Last September Canon and Mrs. DeVeber celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

Mrs. DeVeber is survived by a husband, two sons, W. Herbert, who resides in Woodstock, and Alleyne W. of Florence, Montana. Mrs. DeVeber was well known and highly respected. During the time of her husband's active life she took an active part in church work. The funeral will probably be on Monday.

THE I. C. R. ACCIDENT.

The accident on the I. C. R. near Cross Creek on Wednesday, of which mention has already been made in these columns, was the most serious that has occurred in this section for some time. Five cars including the van, left the rails, and two of the cars turned on their ends and were badly broken up. They were loaded with iron smelt from Loggieville which had to be transferred to other cars. The train was in charge of Conductor R. Hoben, and Driver Ivory was at the throttle. Fortunately none of the trainmen were injured, although several had narrow escapes. Conductor Sterling was sent out from Gloucester with a wrecking crew, and had the track repaired in time for the first regular train, the following day.

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