

BADGERED TARTE

But the Minister of Public Works

TURNED A SMILING FACE TOWARDS HIS CRITICS

And Gave Them Tit for Tat.

CARTWRIGHT'S ANSWER TO TORY SEEKERS OF PATRONAGE.

(From our own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, March 7.—Although progress has been made, the members have not been disposed to overwork themselves during the past week. The liveliest sitting was on Tuesday night, when the estimates of the Public Works Department were under review. Mr. Tarte is always considered legitimate game for the Opposition, and it is probably quite true, as he himself wittily remarked last year, that if the present Mr. Tarte were to disappear the Conservatives would be obliged to create another or go out of business. They tried by heckling and sniping to irritate the Minister on Tuesday night; but he was simply invulnerable. He met them with a smiling face as they bobbed up and give them tit for tat with ready wit.

Some of the discussion turned upon the question of political patronage, in which the unreasonableness of the Conservatives was brought out in a strong light. They complained that everything goes to Liberals, which brought Sir Richard Cartwright to his feet with the statement that for 30 years the Tories had gobbled everything in sight without a single qualm of conscience. They would at least, he said, now be learning something of the experience through which the Liberals had passed. While this complaint is made against the government, it is curious to note that everywhere Liberals are finding fault with the extent to which Tories are receiving consideration. Probably a fair conclusion to draw is that the government is dealing very justly with the general disposition of patronage. A distinction should always be drawn between work that is open to competition and employment which is in the nature of a favour.

Incidentally, the matter of carrying on government works by days labour rather than by contract, came up for consideration. Mr. Tarte himself was decidedly in favour of days labour, contending that, with proper supervision, it ensured the best value for the government. A contractor might profit largely by a lump sum contract, whereas by the other plan the government simply paid for the actual cost of the work. Quite a number of members strongly supported the judgment of the minister, and if it were not for partisan considerations it is probable that parliament would consent to a large reduction in the number of contracts annually let by the government. The question is almost sure to come up again in a more definite form.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper made his first appearance in parliament for the session during the week. His coming carries with it the promise of a little more ginger in the tactics of the opposition, for Sir Charles Hibbert is nothing if he is not a scrapper. His bump in combativeness stands out like a baseball behind his ear, and when he takes hold of anything he holds on with the tenacity of a bull dog. He is not, however, a mean fighter. He is full of courage and has very seldom descended to anything which could be called unmanly. So far he has not given any indication of what particular hobby he proposes to ride for the session, but it will probably not be long before he starts on a tournament in some direction.

The Minister of Justice has introduced a bill in relation to telegraph and telephone companies, which is aimed to prevent any form of discrimination in respect of charges. If anyone wants a telephone, and deposits the prescribed toll therefor, the company is obliged to install it with all reasonable dispatch, and neither as between localities nor persons can a difference of rate be allowed. At the same time the government reserves to itself the right to take over all telegraph and telephone lines at a valuation and to carry them on in the interest of the public. This measure is not of a radical character, but is simply designed to make clear what has hitherto been open to doubt. It does not embody any provision looking to the establishment of a maximum charge by either telegraph or telephone companies.

Mr. Fielding, replying to a question on Tuesday, submitted a statement with respect to the circulation of Dominion notes in the years 1896 and 1901. The

issue of \$1 notes, which in 1896 amounted to 1,734,000 had increased last year to 2,760,000. The number of \$2 notes had increased during the same period from 1,008,000 to 1,616,000. The \$4 denomination had risen from 176,000 to 816,000. This expansion has been due to the general development of business throughout the country, and as the rate of increase is being maintained it is fair to assume that the tide of prosperity is still in the ascendant.

The Premier was asked during the week as to what treatment he proposed to mete out to officials who took an active part in elections, and he replied that no change would be made in the procedure which had been adopted years ago. If a complaint was formally lodged against an official, steps would be taken at once to have an investigation take place, and the person concerned would be dealt with according to the evidence. This answer will commend itself to public judgment. It is not the desire of the government that public servants should make themselves obnoxious as partisans, and any one who offends in this regard will be doing so at the risk of his official head.

The Government has received notice through Mr. Larke, Canadian Agent at Sydney, that the Premier of the Australasian Commonwealth proposes to visit Canada on his way to the coronation ceremonies. He will do this informally, although he may spend a short time in the capital for the purpose of gathering information in advance of the proposed conference of colonial premiers in London. In the same communication Mr. Larke intimates that the Australasian Government has recently revised the tariff of the Commonwealth and has made very considerable reductions. Canadian trade with the Antipodes has grown very much during the past ten years, although our agent there complains very much of the carelessness of our people in disregarding the instructions he has been careful to give them with respect to that market.

Yesterday Mr. Monk brought up the subject of an alleged announcement by the Imperial War Secretary in relation to the defence of the empire. Mr. Broderick was quoted in a dispatch as having said that four militia army corps would be raised in Canada in connection with this new plan, and he asked the government what foundation there was for the report. Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that no communication whatever had been received on the subject, and it would probably be found that the War Secretary had been misrepresented.

A breezy discussion arose later in the day over Mr. Monk's motion for the papers respecting the Anglo-German agreement of 1898. This afforded an opportunity for some of the Conservatives to bring up the general subject of the tariff, and the familiar accusation was made that while the present administration had opposed the National Policy they were nevertheless in favour of protection. Sir Richard Cartwright in a vigorous reply repudiated this view, and said that there was a great difference between a tariff for revenue purposes and one based wholly upon the idea of protection. The Conservatives will find it somewhat difficult to explain why they are opposing the trade policy of the Government if it embodies, as they say, the essential features of the National Policy.

The Minister of Railways has returned from New York very much improved in health, and has taken up his Parliamentary and Departmental work with his old time vigor.

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