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## FAVORABLE BY COMPARISON.

Tory critics of the federal government who have made repeated onslaughts on the administration, because Canada has not been called upon to pay the cost of all the contingents sent to South Africa from this country, were well answered by Hon. Mr. Sifton the other night in parliament. The Minister of the Interior declared that no colony had responded more loyally and promptly in the request for troops than had Canada, and if anything further was necessary the Government stood ready and willing to do everything they were asked. Surely that was an attitude in which the House and the country were ready to support the Government. The Government had submitted their action upon this question to their friends in the House and to their followers in the country and had received their approval. The Government and the Liberal party had no cause to be ashamed of their course in regard to sending troops to fight the battles of the empire. It was a matter of history that the Conservative Government had the opportunity of sending troops to fight the battles of the empire, but they did not do it.

Ever since the Liberal Government had come into power there had been a deliberate, persistent and long-continued attempt to wholly misrepresent the position of the Government before the House and before the people of the country. The Conservative party showed that they were opposed to any policy that gave assurance of the loyalty of Canada to the empire.

## A SERIOUS PROPOSITION.

Mr. Ford, who sends the London cables to the Toronto Globe, observes that while the colonies will be reluctant to surrender their self governing rights, it is probable that some basis for financial contribution to Imperial defence may be reached if some form of preferential tariff be adopted by the home Government. Some colonies may be willing to agree upon a common increase of five or ten per cent, in tariff duties and to set apart the sum thus raised for defensive purposes if the mother country be disposed to adopt the preferential system in dealing with the colonies.

Mr. Ford will probably change his mind so far as Canada is concerned, when he reads Sir Wilfrid Laurier's recent speech in parliament. The premier made it quite plain that so long as he has any say in the government this country is not likely to enter into any scheme for imperial defence that will involve Canada in an engagement to set aside any large portion of her revenues for war purposes. Sir Wilfrid was emphatic in the declaration that we have about all we can attend to in developing our natural resources, in constructing great and necessary public works without dabbling in the costly experiment of setting up a standing army for imperial purposes. The American colonies which revolted in the eighteenth century, took that position because they were taxed without representation, and any effort of the mother country to impose burdens of taxation on her colonies at the present time would result in great dissatisfaction. Imperial statesmen are too well informed and too astute to attempt any such a game, but what Canada may do by mutual arrangement is another thing. We want a British preference, but not so badly as to undertake any great financial burden such as that suggested by Mr. Ford.

## GOURLEY AGAIN.

The belligerent Tory M. P. for Colchester N. S. who was going to lead an army of invasions into the United States and annex the republic to Canada, has again opened his mouth in Parliament, speaking last week during the debate on the new taxes levied by the Imperial government. Mr. Gourley declared that he admired the traditions of the British people up to fifty years ago, but after the adoption of that infamous doctrine, of free trade, that silly fallacy of Cobden's, the whole race of Englishmen degenerated. The doctrine of protection would revivify them, and in a few generations they would be demigods again until every foot of the earth's surface would be under the British flag. Then there would be no need for war, and all the world would speak one language. Mr. Gourley advised the French-Canadians to become Imperialists and be ready to fight for the empire in any part of the world. With a preference of six cents the people of the western States would come into Canada in a night.

Hon. D. C. Fraser pointed out that the nation of fools had impressed themselves more on the world than any other nation. As to the people from the States coming in a night, he said that if they jumped out of bed and ran or came on the trains in their chemises they could not get into the country in a night.

Colonel Hughes wanted to know how they could get a train in a chemise.

Mr. Fraser replied that the chemises would be in the trains. He argued that the tax was not a protective one, as England could only raise wheat enough to feed her people for seven weeks. It was just like a tax on tea in Canada. It was a war measure. If the discussion was intended to instruct the Prime Minister, his instructions should have been placed in a resolution.

No doubt the Imperial government will be pleased with Mr. Gourley's commendation for introducing protection, but they may resent the imputation that Britain for the past half century has been governed by degenerates.

It will be observed that the member for Colchester said nothing about his proposed invasion of the United States, but indicated an American invasion of our north-west—an invasion of immigrants if Canada but received a British preference—the admission of our breadstuffs into England free of duty.

## The British Schoolboy on Animals.

A correspondent who offered prizes in different schools for essays on kindness to animals sends up a few extracts from the papers received:

"There are two kinds of animals, and they are the quadruped and biped; the quadruped is lions and tigers and such like, and the biped is birds."

"Some people kick the poor dog and give it no food. Then the poor animal bites the first person it comes to, and this causes the person to have idleness, and the animal gets killed. This is all through the people giving the animal nothing to eat."

"Animals do not go to church nor say any prayers. They never sit down to get their meals, and we do."

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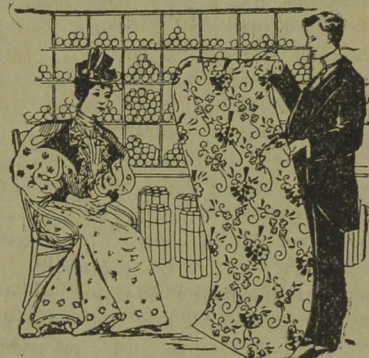
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