

DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS

RESUME OF HON. MR. FOSTER'S SPEECH.

Sharp Criticism of Liberal Administration.

Hon. Mr. Foster, who on rising was received with loud Conservative cheers, at the outset laid down the principle that the leader of a party should keep his pledges to the electorate when he came into power. Sir Charles Tupper had criticised the Premier's stewardship of eighteen months, and not a word had Premier Laurier ventured to say in reply. Instead he rose and in almost childish anger seemed to have the idea that the adulation of eighteen months must continue to take the place of criticism. He boasted of many things, but proved nothing. He made an unfortunate explanation of the Yukon deal, declaring that this great subsidy was only for a temporary railway and made no difference whatever. Such was the Premier's speech, which ended in a splutter of fireworks. (Laughter.) Mr. Foster then proceeded to criticise the speech. Dealing with the claim of national prosperity, he said one of its essentials was political stability. Where would the political stability have been had Fielding's secession movement of fourteen years ago been successful, or if the Wiman commercial union had been successful? When the national policy which had done so much to build up this country was inaugurated, how bitterly it was opposed by the Liberals. They cannot claim credit for the good accomplished by that policy, and like last year, they swallowed their professions of seventeen years and accepted that policy. (Hear, hear.) For its present prosperous condition the country owed nothing to the present government.

Referring to the preferential tariff, he said if there was anything done under false pretences, based on false grounds, and which had led to humiliation, backwardness and disaster, it was tariff legislation of last year.

Sir Richard himself had admitted that the preferential clause was not primarily exclusively for England alone, and that eventually all countries, including the United States, might be included in it. Both Laurier and Davies had given their legal opinions that the German and Belgian treaties did not apply to it; and yet despite these views the treaties were denounced. This was Canada's humiliation, that having declined to admit certain countries, which, under the favoured nation clauses, were entitled to the benefits of the reciprocal tariff, this country was compelled to throw down the barriers and allow these countries to share the benefits of the tariff. An attempt has been made to lead the British people to believe that the preferences were given to them alone. Not only had Great Britain and favored nations been allowed in, but the government had gone further and admitted Japan and the Netherlands to the benefits of the reciprocal tariff, which had no such claim. Gentlemen opposite wore jubilee honors and took jubilee plaudits which had largely come to them on the belief of the English people that these preferences had been given to Great Britain alone. (Hear, hear.)

So far from the preferential tariff improving our trade with Britain, our imports last year from the mother country has actually decreased, while imports from the United States had increased. The actual reduction in tariff was but seven-tenths of one per cent, and yet honorable gentlemen opposite boasted that they were to give the country a revenue tariff. This boasted tariff gave privileges to nine-tenths of the foreign countries of the world, and withheld it from nine-tenths of the sister colonies, all in the name of kinship and imperial unity. (Cheers.)

He proceeded to score the government for abandoning their high toned principles when in opposition, permitting the shameful evil of members sitting in the house with promises of office in their pockets. He quoted the record to show how public works and railway business had become more costly than ever before. Where was the reduced expenditure? Where the reduction in the number of ministers? What had they done regarding this Yukon railway matter? One week before the meeting of parliament, after a secret conference of which no one knew anything except those who were interested or wished to be interested, a contract was entered into one condition of which, according to Sir Louis Davies ten days ago, was that a portion of the contract was to be carried out in twenty-six days. Before parliament could discuss the measure a portion of the work

was to be in operation. There were things which should cause liberals to ask themselves whether or not ministers should be allowed to take important franchises and dispose of them as they pleased.

Mr. Foster then took up Laurier's speeches in England and showed how he had violated every profession made in Canada to endeavor to secure preferential trade.

Resuming after dinner, Hon. Mr. Foster quoted from the interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the London Chronicle, and his speech to the Cobdenites, to show his devotion to free trade. The premier was so much a free trader that he could subscribe to all doctrines of the Cobden club. While they had no right to quarrel with Sir Wilfrid because he held these views, he (Foster) insisted that the premier had no man late from parliament or the people of Canada to superimpose these views as the voice of the people of the dominion. (Loud cheers.) What excuse had he to offer for his conduct?

In the height of the Toronto election, the Globe published a statement of what occurred at a conference of the premier with Chamberlain in which the colonial secretary was made to say that he would not accept preferential trade except on the basis of free trade within the empire. He desired to ask the premier if the Globe's statement was correct.

Premier Laurier—the Hon. gentlemen said that conference was confidential. A report had been made of what took place, but so far I have no authority to disclose it, though it is probably that at some future date the report will be made public.

Hon. Mr. Foster—If these papers are confidential, how is it that the Globe, at a critical moment, makes a semi-official announcement? And what was still more important, if the conference was confidential, what right had Premier Laurier on Friday night to state that the one condition upon which preferential trade could be discussed was upon the condition that there should be absolute freedom and no customs duties between the different parts of the empire. If he could state that then he could lay papers on the table to substantiate it.

Turning again to the Yukon deal, Hon. Mr. Foster strongly condemned the proposed monopoly, as well as the extent of the land grant. There was something behind all this. Possibilities for widespread corruption were very great, certainly the prima facie case against the government was a bad one. Sir Wilfrid himself said that the future historian would skip from 1867 to 1897. The premier in his pride might think so, but he would warn him of the fate of Nebuchadnezzar, who for his arrogance was sore afflicted and signally punished. (Applause.)

THINGS TO MAKE A NOTE OF.

The civic elections are over and the question settled for two years, but the question is were did man come from is still agitating some minds. If he was evolved, would the fact contradict the orthodox theory and upset the Christian faith, is a very vital question, and an hour spent in Grace Church Monday night next will be of profit to all. Mr. McCready opens the discussion at 8 o'clock. Admission free. A silver collection will be taken. Monday, Feb. 14th is the date. Come.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—Dr. Leeming will read a paper on "The Pyramids; Their Aim and Object," at the Teachers' Institute on Saturday evening next.

BASKET SOCIAL.—A grand basket social and entertainment will be held in Rustico Hall, on Tuesday, the 15th of February. Admission 10c. Ladies with baskets free.

LECTURE POSTPONED.—Owing to the non-arrival of the views which Rev. T. F. Fullerton intended using to illustrate his lecture upon London, in St. Peter's Hall next Tuesday, and which were telegraphed for a fortnight ago, this lecture has to be postponed until further notice.

C. B. C.—Mr. Inman opens the regular course of lectures before the students of the Charlottetown Business College and Writing Academy, on commercial law, this evening. Subject, "Contracts."

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS

MAILS.—The foreign mails arrived here at 3 o'clock today.

FORCED TO THE WAR.—Rehearsal in St. Patrick's Hall tonight at 8 o'clock.

THE STANLEY will leave Georgetown for Picton, tomorrow morning, weather permitting.

THE WEATHER.—Light to moderate winds, fair to cloudy and mild; a few light local showers.

POLICE COURT.—Two boys were this morning fined fifty cents each for annoying an old man in his house.

ON THE GO.—The Prince Edward Islanders mentioned yesterday as being in the city en route to the Klondike went west on the Pacific express yesterday afternoon.—St. John Telegraph.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS.—On the evening of the 22nd inst., a most enjoyable amateur performance is promised in St. Peter's new hall. Remember the date and rest assured the event is one that should not be missed.

GRAND CARNIVAL.—Maypole Soap Prize. The carnival to be held on the eighteenth promises to be the best ever held in Charlottetown. The Maypole Soap Co. offer a special prize of five dollars to the lady who has the prettiest and most original dress made with materials dyed with Maypole Soap. At least five colors must be used and there must be ten competitors; less than that number the prize will be three dollars. Each entry must be accompanied by the wrappers of the soap used. Maypole Soap can be had at the druggists or at the office of the Company, Queen Street.

PERSONAL.

It is pleasing to learn that Archibald McNeill, Esq., who has been under the weather for some days, is somewhat better today.


OBITUARY.

At Elmsdale, on Tuesday, the death of Miss Maggie McNeill occurred, to the deep regret of many friends who knew her well. This young woman thus cut off early in her life, had many acquaintances in Charlottetown where she had often been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Robert Campbell. For many years she had been occupied as a teacher and her intimate friends mourn one who was a credit to her profession. She was a daughter of the late John M. McNeill of Cavendish.

The Montreal Star proposes another plebiscite. This is the question: "Are you in favor of an investigation into the charges concerning the proposed purchase of the Drummond railway by a committee that will let in all the evidence possible or by a committee that will shut out all the evidence possible?" This vote, as the St. John Sun points out, would be useless. The government has already decided against the find-out committee and in favor of the shut-out committee.

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