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## OTTAWA LETTER.

The Government is Not Particu-Party Politics Controls the Militia

Department More Than

Ever Before.

Col. Domville's Enquiring Turn of Mind-The Case of Col. Vance and Col. White,

OTTAWA, March 8 .- So far as one can judge by Mr. Mulock's statement yesterday, the Pacific cable project is in a perilous condition. The minister was a little guarded in his revelations, reserving from the bold gaze of the public a considerable quantity of correspondence which he describes as confidential. But the portion which he read goes to show that the action contemplated and apparently determined upon by New South Wales may, if carried out, be fatal to the project. The Eastern Extension Company is a great corporation, with enormous interests in the East Indies, and it has so far had a monoply of the telegraphing business with Australia. Not only was it the purpose of the promoters of the Pacific cable to give Canada direct communication with Australia, but it was desired to connect the different sections of the empire by lines which do not touch a foreign country. Furthermore, it was the object to reduce the rate, which had been so high that it was a great injury to commerce and communication.

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To thas end the cable conferences have been held, and the various colonies and the mother country have agreed to contribute proportionately to the cost of the enterprise. It has been calculated that the cable proposed would reduce by more than fifty per cent. the cost of telegraphing, yet would also pay a substantial dividend on the whole cost, so that the colonies which contributed would receive a cash return as well as an indirect benefit from their investment. On this basis the enterprise has been pushed forward, and has reached a stage in which the contracts for construction might be given out. This is the moment in which the Eastern Extension Company makes its last and greatest effort to hold its ancient monopoly. That ogncern had a tremendous pull in London, as all know who have had anything to do with the promotion of the Pacific cable scheme. It has failed, however, to obstruct the movement in London, and is now operating in Australia.

The New South Wales government seems to have been persuaded that the Pacific cable carnot be established within three or four years, and is captivated with the offer of the Eastern Extension Company to make a great cut in prices and to establish new communication, provided it is given a status in the future as a rival with

hould be satisfied with the premier's approval and those on the other side answer. He flatly contradicted the im-perial minister, declaring that there ning it. Mr. Ellis had go Toronto, but was paired in fa were no negotiations. There were the bill, having succeeded in striking out the parts that belong to New Brunswick. The Ontario and Prince whatever that may mean, but the pre-Edward Island parts are just as bas, but the government supporters from those provinces appear to have the greater cepecity for swallowing than the member for St. John. Col. Tucker was prepared to take the bill with the The house did not give its whole at-St. John injustice in it, and so were tention yesterday to imperial matters. Mr. Costigan and Col. Domville.

It reverted for an hour or two to the mestic question of tobacco. Mr. Gil-After the ministers had declaimed lies thinks that the present tariff, and thundered over the fairness of alwhich has given the government very lowing the arrangement of boundary near an extra million dollars out of to be given to the judges, Sir Charle tobacco, is too high. He does not see Tupper's amendment care as a sort why a party which before it came into of thunderbolt on the government. His power promised to reduce the duty on proposal was that not only should the the nucessaries of life, should have addivision of counties into ridings be ded another 100 per cent. to the duty given to judges, but that the courts on tobacco, which he holds to be alshould have the entire responsibility and power of determining the details most necessary to the life of those fisherman and others who have beof every reedjustment, in all the proycome accustomed to its use. Mr Gilinces, not only in dividing counties lies represents that all the tobacco but in assigning to each county its commonly used by the laboring men share of representation. This plen Sir and fishermen has been increased in Charles Tupper proposes to have put price fourteen cents a pound, or one into operation as soon as the populacent a fig, by the new Fielding duties. tion of Canada shall be determined. Instead of being increased, he thought This programme is a sufficient reply the duty should have been reduced. It to the statement made by ministers is his opinion that imported tobacco that if the conservatives should be in will always be used and even the inpower after the next census they creased home production will not would make a partisan gerrymander cause the people in the east to give up of the whole dominion. Sir Wilfrid the use of the foreign article. But in Laurier shows very clearly that it is any case even the home grown tobacco not a judicial redistribution he is pays an enormous tax. which, if the after, but a party advantage. He does government desires to protect it, might not allow the judges to do more than to be reduced along with the foreign ardivide counties into ridings. The partisan character of the measure is established before the judges get a

Sir Henri Joly made a protectionist chance at it. speech, which would have been a pleasure to the founders of the Na-For instance, Toronto is conserva-

tional Policy if they had heard it twenty years ago. Sir Lecnard Tilley never made an address that went half as far in support of protection as this. Sir Henri told how the increased protection was stimulating the growth of the Canadian product. It had increased three-fold in one year after 1867, and was increasing with tremen-dous rapidity still. He maintained that while the native tobacco had not yct reached perfection, because the industry was not yet fully understood. it had a glorious future before it. He scorned the suggestion that an additional one cent on a fig of tobacco should stand in the way of this great rovement in agriculture, which he regards as perhaps the most premising of all recent farming experiments. As to the friends of Mr. Gillies who are credited by the member for Richmond with consuming a fig of tobacco a day. Sir Henri has no pity for them. Any iquities. man who uses a pound of tobacco in a fortnight, he affirms, does not deserve the sympathy of the house. But Mr. Gillies maintains that Sir Henri

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ticle.

Joly, who sits comfortably in his splendid offices and smokes choice tobacco, is not capable of entering into the life of the fisherman, who in his lonely boat fir.ds in his plug of tobacco companionship and comfort, and with is the strongest conservative county the healthy salt air blowing about him, of the three. That is the size of Sir is able to absorb a great deal more Louis Davies. bacco than the constitution of the

antee that whatever inju have been done in other redi butions no partisanship would pre vail in the future. The bills of 1882 and 1892 were believed by the conservatives to be fair. They were condemned as unair by the opposition of that time. Probably both sides were sincere. The opposition programme sets at rest these questions for the future, and, as Dr. Montague pointed out, would remove from party strife and party jealousy this solemn duty of arranging constituencies.

> Sir Wilfrid Laurier in an unfortunate moment claimed that his party had always been in favor of handing this work over to judges, but Dr. Montague confronted him with an expres deplaration made in 1892 that Sir frid Laurier and his party could neve accept the intervention of judges in such a matter. However, they pretand 1 ow to be doing this, and there was no reason why they should not adopt Sir Charles Tupper's plan.

It was mentioned in a previous let ter that Mr. Paterson had delivered twice this session the same speech that he made last year. Yesterday, in reply to Dr. Montague, he delivered it the third time, following his leader in taking the position that the first duty of the ocuntry was to repeal the old gerrymander act. This led up to the ition of the old attack, which need not now be reported, first, be-cause the public should be familiar with it, and secondly, because Mr. Paterson reared so loud that it must have reached the public ear by the direct method. He protested against Sir Charles Tupper's aileged appcal to the senate last year. Though Sir Cherles was not accused of repeating it this year, Mr. Paterson accused him of doing so, because he said that the

opposition leader adhered to the views tive. It is allowed one member for of last session. Mr. Paterson charged each 45,000 people. Brant is liberal. It is allowed one member for each that there were senators in the gallery historing to Sir Charles when he gave 16,000. The government has held its them his instructions. There were own pretty well in eastern Ontario, also senetors in the gallery last night where the migration from Quebec is when Mr. Paterson tried a little inlarge. It has lost and is losing ground timidation, and if there were any in western Ontario. Now the repreothers within half a mile of him they sentation of eastern Ontario is very also were within hearing of his much larger in proportion to populathreads. One queer thing in Mr. Pattion than in western Ontario, where erson's defence of the bill is his the population is growing more rapidclaim that his own county of Brant ly and the government is intensely sught to be regarded as having a uniopular. Accordingly the gerrypopulation of 36,000. Dr. Montague mander bill steps at Onfario county, shows that he counts 3,000 Indians for leaving all the eastern parts of the the purpose of making a constituency, province unchanged. All the smallest while he deprives every Indian of the constituencies are in the east, and the right to vote. A little later Clarke very smallest are represented by grit Wallance gave some account of Mr. members. Therefore the eastern On-Paterson's own exploits, when, after tario is left alone, though there was he was beaten in Brant, he went to the same complaint about the break-Grey, accompanied by Mr. Mulock. ing of county boundaries and other in-He says that Mr. Mulock established himself in a hotel, where, according to Mr. Wallace, he consorted with the Again, while the judges are called in to divide the counties of western Onvilest of the vile, and Mr. Paterson tario into single ridings, Str Louis new sits in the house by virtue of cor Davies arranges the whole matter in

> In the further discussion Mr. Osler of Toronto, a very moderate man. deelared that whatever was the fault of previous gerrymanders, there was no question that this bill was an attempt to get party advantage. The he said in its only thing that could

rupt practices in that election.

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se conditions are removed, and vital-

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private and sacredly confidential. "I had been a sufferer from uterine trouble for about three years, having two miscarriages in that time, and the doctors that I consulted said I would have to go through an operation before I could give birth to living children," writes Mrs. Blanche E. Evans, of Parsons, Luzerne Co., Pa. "When about to give up in despair I saw the advertisement of Dr. Pierce's medicine and thought I would give it a trial as a last resort. I bought a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Pre-scription, and after taking it felt better than I had for years. After taking four and a half bot-tles I gave birth to a bright baby girl who is now four months old and has not had a day of sick-ness. I cannot say too much in praise of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription."

Dr. Pierce's Pellets are a boon to

twenty-five cents from Canada and

twenty-five cents from the home gov-

ernn:ent. Mr. Wallace wanted to know

if this fifty cents was intended to be

in addition to all subsistence charges.

He was told that it was. Then he

asked the minister of militia whether

it were not true that the shilling a

day paid by the Imperial government

was not subject to deductions for ne-

cessary articles of food and clothing.

The minister had never considered this

question. Mr. Wellace had heard that

sixpence out of the English shilling

was required for necessary living ex-

penses. Col. Domville' went a little

farther and stated that after the Eng-

lish soldier paid his sustenance ex-

penses he only had two and a half

parce a day left. Sir Adolphe Caron

thought the surplus was fourpence. As

for the minister, he had no informa-

tion on the subject, and it had not

been brought to his attention. Mean-

while Clarke Wallace pressed his point.

ther the fifty cents should be over and

above all living expenses, and whether,

in case the English shilling should be

subject to deduction, the Canadian

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the attention of the imperial government and persuaded them that he could supply saddles for the war of-fice. The result was an order for 2,000 saddles, which was sent by way of the militia department at Ottawa. The by society roaming Winnipeg man complained that when the order came to Ottawa, the greater part of it was diverted to friends of the government in Toronto, and to others in Quebec, some of whom had never seen an army saddle and who purchased the goods from the United tes. It reply, it was alleged that the Winnipeg man also sent part of erhood are often remhis order across the border. The sa dle question is therefore some mixed. of the delicate female organs. When

Speaking of militia matters. Mr. Foster, the other day, asked a question in regard to the men selected by the militia department of Canada to take a staff course at Kingston. Some of these appointments were afterwards cancelled, and Mr. Foster wanted to know the reason. As to nine of them the minister of militia made answer officially that they were notified of appointment in orders of the 20th of January, this year, "without the authority of the minister." Dr. Borden then continued: "Of these officers. Lt. Col. Vince and White were removed from the list, chiefly on account of age and because they had retired from active command." Col. Vince of the New Brunswick Brighton Engineers is not an old man and is not the only one selected for the special course who had been retired. He was selected for this staff course: he was called upon to report for active service; he actually did so report, and it was after that when he was notified that the appointment was cancelled.

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Now as to the minister's reasons. He gave the same reasons in regard to Col. Vince as in regard to Col. W. W. White of Guelph. But Col. White has a letter from the militia department which does not quite agree with the minister's statements. Here is the letter:

"1st February, 1900.

"Sir-In reply to your letter of the 30th ultimo. I am directed by the major general commanding to inform you that your rame was removed from the list of efficers to undergo the staff course at the Royal Millitary College, Kingston, by the honcrable the minister, on the ground that you had of late taken some active part in positios on behalf of the opposition. I have the henor to be, your obsiient servant.

Signed) H. FOSTER, Colonel, " Chief Staff Officer

"Lt. Col. W. W. White."

That is Gen. Hunton's statement of the reason why the minister cancelled the appointment of Cos. White. Some time before the appointment of Col. Vince, the latter took some interest in the provincial campaign in Carleton omnty, where he lives. It may be presumed that the reason in his case is the same. It does not appear to be a good reason, because the militia is full of men who have taken an active part in rolitics on one side or the other. It will be found that Col. Vince took no part whatever after he was notified for active service. He understands his military duties and his political rights too well for that. But it has never been suggested that militia men should be denied the right to engage in political activities. We have always had colonels and majors and captains in varliament and the legislatures. The present minister of militia is said to have taken some part in politics. The present member for Kings, New Brunswick, has been implicated in a like offence. Col. Hughes, Col. Tyrwhitt and a dozen others might be mentioned in this connection. Where then is the offence in a man having taken an active part previous to his appointment on staff service? But how does it happen that the minister did not give the house the same reason that he gave General Hutton. If he caused the names to be struck off the list and gave General Hutton a political reason for it, why does he trump up another one to give on the floors of the house in answer to a parliamentary question? Did the minister feel ashamed of the reason which he put in the mouth of his officers and which was communicated to Col. White? The whole matter is one which Dr. Borden ought to clear up as soon as possible. At present it looks as if he had been acting in a partisan manner and had been interfering with the military organization to prevent the general from working it. without regard to politics. And then it looks as if the minister had tried to deceive the house as to the facts. It is getting to be time for the minister of militia to give up the pretence that he is forgetting politics in his management of the Canadian force. The fact is that party politics controls the militia more than it ever did before. Col. Domville is displaying an enaviring disposition, though his curiosity does not go so far as to make him industrious. He has put on the orderpaper questions as to the amount of money paid to Sir Charles Tupper since confederation as minister and as high commissioner. He also wants to know what Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper received as minister, and how much has been paid 'to certain newspapers, in former years, for printing and advertising. All these facts are set forth in the Blue book, but Col. Domville seems to be too lazy to look them up. The Tuppers of course had the same pay as other ministers, including the additional ones who are now in the public employ and who da very much less work. The public who were served by Sir Charles Tupper got value for their money. That is what the recent employers of Col. That is Domville would have been very glad S. D. S.

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the proposed Pacific cable. It offers to provide connection between the Australias and South Africa, and holds out the inducement that it will keep the price down by its competition with the other systems. It does not profess a desire to head off altogether the Imperial scheme, and suggests that the concession while, it asks need not be given until the other system is established, so that the two can start together on a fair basis. New South "Wales and some of the other Australian colonies appear to be of the opinion that this sufficiently meets the case.

But this is not the view of the government here, nor the leader of the ciposition and the members of the late government. It is not the view entertained by Lord Strathcona and those interested in the project in London. They all say that the Pacific cable was to be an Imperial project and was not intended to be put on an equality with any private enterprise. They hold that the calculations on which the Pacific cable scheme was to pay dividends were based on the whole business and the termination of the Eastern Extension franchise. They maintain that a monopoly which has existed would not be perpetuated, because a government system though exclusive cannot be regarded as a monopoly. The government in many despatches has represented to the Australian colonies that any of the procosed dealings with the Eastern Extension Company will place the whole project in peril, and has strongly suggested that it may justify the other rerties to the agreement in withdrawing from the whole arrangement.

So the matter stands. No constructive contracts have yet been made and none will be made until this matter is settled. But the government has ascertained what the cost will be and has settled to the satisfaction of Mr. Mulock that the work can be done in eighteen months. It is the opinion of the postmaster general and of other men who have been interested in the project, such as Sir Charles Tupper, Sir Sandford Fleming and Rev. George M. Grant that the imperial cable scheme will ultimately take in South Africa and unite the whole empire in a network of communication. So far as can be seen, the postmaster general appears to have, during the last three months, exerted himself strenuously and maintained with energy and determination the imperial importance of the project. In the house of commons he has the strenuous support of Sir Charles Tupper, who was interested in the affair long before Mr. Mulock was. and there is no doubt that the Canadian parliament is in hearty sympathy with the position of the government in the matter.

There is some mystery about the matter of the naval reserves. Mr. Goschen, first lord of the admiralty, recently assured the imperial house of commons that negotiations with Canada were going on and had reached an advanced stage. He stated that Canada desired to reduce the term of service. Mr. Bourassa, who is here to head off projects for Canadian intervention in imperial armies and navies, has been worrying over this, and yesterday put the question straight to the premier. Mr. Bourassa

Ottawa official can stand. At all events, he says that the fishermen do that much, and that Mr. Fielding is compelling them to pay three dollars a year on extra taxes, and that it ought to be stopped.

There is a defect in Sir Henri Joly's plea. Suppose it be true that the tobacco growing industry might be protected, does it follow that the Canadian grown leaf should pay the heavy excise duty, and that an additional import tax should be levied on the imported product? So far as the protection of home grown tobacco is concerved it could be easily secured by

allowing the duty to remain as Mr. Fielding found it, and reducing the excise charges on tobacco made from home products. That scheme might not give Mr. Tarte so much money to spend on his contractors, but it would be just as good for the farmers, and would afford a great relief to the consumers of tobacco. Such is the claim made by the advocates of a reduced duty. They add to this the statement that smuggling is greatly on the increase and that honest traders are placed at a disadvantage, while the morals of the business community are undermined.

Sir Charles Tupper had a great time in Boston. Mr. Gillies, who was with rim, says that the stay there was a perpetual ovation. The Harvard University reception was a most agreeable function. The Monday evening meeting at Tremont Temple was one of the greatest and most enthusiastic ever seen in Boston. Thiousands were turned away and the whole building was crowded. The address of Prof. Sumichrast, was a model of eloquence

and felicity. The professor, who is well known in the maritime provinces, made the interesting personal explanaction that he and his people found a home in England as Uitlanders when they were obliged to escape from their own land. He compared England's treatment of foreigners with the conduct of the Boers, and closed with an eloquent percration which brought the audience to their feet.

Sir Charles spoke for forty minutes in a strong and dignified address, which while dealing with the Transvalal question, contained a noble tribute to the justice and honor of England, and many happy references to the cordiality and friendliness of the United States. The address is described as exceedingly appropriate and well calculated to increase the friendliness which exists between Canada and the republic, while it was very gratifying to the audience. On the next day Sir Charles spoke in a lighter vein to the British American Club in Boston, by which he was entertained. Among the guests was Mr. H. M. Whitney, who assured the audience that in the few months the organiza

tion of which he was the head would have in Nova Scotia a steel making plant equal to any in the world, and then went on to explain that the possibility of that enterprise was due to the policy inaugurated in Canada by the government of which Sir Charles Tupper was a member. S. D. S.

OTTAWA, March 9 .-- The gerrymarder bill has emerged from the house of commons by the regulation majority, all the members on the government side of the house expressing

Mr. Bell of Prince Edward Island began the talk yesterday, and continued it between one and two hours. Mr. Bell has made three or four speeches this session of an hour and more, and seems likely to set an example of staying powers which will require Mr. Charlton to press to an issue his resolution in favor of short speeches and the closure. On this occasion Mr. Bell made his long speech in support of a motion which he did not make. He was going to make it, but concluded that it would be dangerous to the bill, and Mr. Bell is very anxious that the bill should pass, which is natural, since Mr. Bell is renorted to be sitting in the house now with a majority of votes against him. Mr. Bell's theory is that by the constitution Prince Edward Island is entitled to six members, and the motion he would have made is that Kings county should have two instead of one. He explained that in the Quebec conference the delegates from the Island insisted on having six members, and he believed that the intention at the time of union some years later was that there should never be less than six. He boldly proclaimed that if the delegates who arranged the terms had foreseen the reduction they would have been either knavs or fools to have accepted it.. He foresees that reduction may continue until there are only four and then three, and finally none at all, which suggests that the Island is to be depopulated. When this happens there will be great dissatisfaction and confederation will be mashed by the remnants of the population. Such is Mr. Bell's cheerful outlook. But even these fearful anticipations did not nerve him up to make an amendment. Apparently it would be better to have all these distresses than fail to gerrymander Prince Edward Island. So having, as he said, put "the whole matter in a nutshell," Mr. Bell concluded. It is suggested that it was a cocoanut shell in which Mr. Bell puts the whole matter, seeing that he was then in the second hour of his speech when he made the remark.

Prince Edward Island, making two

double ridings and a single one. Each

of these is a county, and of course the

one that is allowed a single member

Mr. Martin spoke for twenty minutes and then Sir Louis Davies, who had listened somnolently to Mr. Bell, complained tor Mir. Martin's long speech, Sir Louis himself having spoken previously about three times as long. Mr. Martin made a clear statement to show that the present arrangement in Prince Edward Island gave fair expression to public view. There was no gerrymander, no hiving of either party, no unfair advantage. All the talk about breaking municipal boundaries which were united in local institutions had no application to that province, as there were no county municipalities there. He wanted to know why Sir Louis, who boasted of the justice of appointing judges for Ontario, had not thought of doing so in Prince Edward Island, and reminded Sir Wilfrid Laurier of his own prediction made in 1892 that if ever his party got a chance they would introduce a measure not founded on justice. Here at least was one pledge that the government has kept.

Sir Charles Tupper's amendment, with the substance of his speech in support of it, and the premier's reply, have already appeared in your col-umns. The amendment affords a

favor was the claim that it redeemed a pledge given by the party, but it y as the only pledge they had thought of redeeming. They promised free trade, and had increased the protection, especially to their own friends. They promised economy, and had given the country the wildest extravagence. They promised purity, and during their whole career as a government they had been shielding rascality.

Take the bill altogether, it is certainly no virdication of the promise to repeal the bill of 1892. As mentioned above, it leave eastern Ortario as it was, because in eastern Ontario the liberal party had an undoubted advantage in the bill of 1892. It reariziges western Ontario, where it is thought the conservatives may have counties as over-represented, and tory counties under-represented. It invades districts that the bill of 1892 never touched. It introduces judges where they can do the government no harm and leaves them out where they would interfere with the party scheme. It establishes county boundaries where they serve the grit purpose, and smashes them where they serve the purpose. It makes double member constituencies where that form suits

the party and divides them where a seat can apparently be gained by the division. Everywhere it is a partisan scheme, and a proof that the ministers are afraid of the constituencies which elected them, and are equally afraid government. to make a fair distribution and give the people an honest chance in the S. D. S.

coming election. OTTAWA, March 10 .- The minister of finance and the minister of militia are still trying to find out where they cre at in regard to the status and reyment of the Canadian troops in Africa. Mr. Fielding has again 8.5 sured the house in committee that the original intention was to pay the men fifty cents a day while on active service, the amount received from the Imperial government while the troops are in Africa to be deducted. But neither he nor Dr. Borden has been able to explain how it happened that after this conclusion was reached regulations were made and estimates brought in to pay the men the rate allowed to the permanent corps, which is only forty cents a day. Nor have they explained how it happened that after all the ministers agreed to the fifty cent rate the department of militia started in to pay at the rate of forty

cents and continued that scale until the matter was brought up in the hease last week. This will remain a dark and blocdy mystery to the end of the chapter.

Even yet there appears to be no regulation determining the amount to be paid. After a week's consideration the ministers have not fixed up the matter. Neither are they able to answer Mr. Foster's question whether the troops are now regarded as a part of the permanent force of Canada or as Canadian militia on active service.

Yesterday Clarke Wallace sprung on the ministers another piece of information. The government had announced the present intention of paying the men fifty cents a day, which ces for wagons, and Dr. Roche of Man-meunt, as near as could be learned, itoba had a letter from a saddler in

hat loss. At first this was promised but on reflection Mr. Fielding preferred to take it into consideration and escertain the fact. He will do that over Sunday.

Meanwhile Mr. McNedll still urged that Canada should be generous as well as just to her soldiers, and should pay them the full fifty cents a day in addition to eny allowances the British government should make, while Mr. Boursesa under the moral support of Mr. Tarte, still protested that Canada should not pay them anything, but that Canadians who chose to fight for England should be content with English pay. And Mr. McNeill repeated crice more his indignant rejoinder that Carada was not fighting for England, but for the whole Empire. Mr. Oliver wants the mounted men from the west to have seventy-five cents a day, and had some advantage. It leaves liberal all to be raid alike. As the matter stands, the older policemen now get seventy-five cents a day on active service, and that scale Mr. Oliver desires to have fixed for all the mounted men.

Afterward Mr. Oliver raised a new issue. What about Strathconia's Horse? Lord Strathcona was providing magnificently for his Horse while they were in Canada and on the ocean He was giving them a splendid equipment, but his connection with the force ceased when they were delivered in Africa. After that they would have the pay of an English private soldier and would get it from the English Mr. Oliver, whose constituency of Alberta furnishes 130 of these troopers, thinks that the Canadian government should place, them

while in Africa on an equality with the other Canadian volunteers. Mr Fielding was disposed to regard this as a want of confidence in Lord Strathcona. He said that Lord Strathcona was quite willing to take care of his men, and probably would not thank this parliament for interfering between him and them. But Mr. Oliver again pointed out that Lord Strathcong had done his part when he conveyed the men at his own expense to Africa. This noble contribution did not involve him in the responsibility of a further contribution to pay the troops while there. The statement that such payment would be an interference had no force, seeing that the men would receive pay from the British government, and he could pot see why the Canadian government were excluded from a share in the responsibility.

Aifterwards, there was a discussio about the horses for the second contingent. Dr. Sproule hears that me buying horses for this corps wen't about offering sixty and seventy dollars in Ontario and assuring the farmers that the government would not pay more But the minister's statements show that the average price was \$120 or more. It was suggested that some enquiry be made to learn who got the difference. Dr. Borden said that the horses were bought by officers appoin ted for that purpose, and he could only explain the conflict of prices by suggesting that traders had gone am-

ong the farmers, buying them up for the purpose of selling at a profit to the government. Mr. Taylor protested against the payment of double pri-

Creamery butter sold at 21 to 32c. holesale in Montreal on Saturday.



