

DEBATING THE ADDRESS

Uncalled For Criticism by Mr. Laurier of the Government's Measure of Precaution.

Mr. Foster Eloquently States the Sentiments of Canadians Towards the Empire.

Sir Hibbert Offered the High Commissioner's Post but Remains for Service Here.

(Special to the Colonist.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—In the House of Commons this afternoon, discussing the passage in the speech from the throne in which reference was made to the necessity of putting the militia and defence of the country in a proper state of efficiency, Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, leader of the opposition, said that while he coincided with the government in so far as the desirability of taking all precautions went, he feared that the government had inserted the paragraph in a spirit of jingoism. The Liberal party believed that the militia should be armed with the best weapons, as to them into actual service with the Snider-Enfield rifle, with which four-fifths of the militia are armed, would be little short of murder.

Hon. G. E. Foster, leader of the House of Commons, said that Mr. Laurier had voiced the sentiment of the whole house and of the country. It was the duty of parliament to put the best and newest arms in the hands of the militia and to see that they were well taken care of and equipped in this respect. It was not correct, however, for Mr. Laurier to say that the speech from the throne indicated something of a jingo policy, the passage criticized being simply the straightforward statement of the government's intentions.

"At the present juncture," continued Mr. Foster, "no person in Canada, whatever may be said at other times, who loves his country and who desires peace and prosperity, can think of breaching the spirit of defiance or jingoism. It is as far removed as possible from the sensible and well meant sentiment of this country, which while it respects other countries, feels the necessity for its own strength in arms, and its duty to defend its country and stand by it whenever it is threatened. It feels its own calmness, force and strength, which does not ask for declaration, and does not flaunt in defiance. But he would not read the signs of the times aright in these troublous days when the great mother Empire stands splendidly isolated in Europe, with interests stretching over the wide world, with a commerce the greatest any nation ever had possessed, and does not feel that Britain feels today the country's weal must base itself upon strong arms and willing loyal hearts from one end of the Empire to the other. It is the right and duty of Britons, of British heretofore and of every dependency that belongs to her, to be ready as well as steady in its sentiments of loyalty and admiration of the Empire as a whole.

"It is in this spirit, and not in any spirit that asks for war, that that modest reference was placed in the speech from the throne. In pursuance of that, it is the determination of the government to place the militia and defence of this country, so far as it can possibly be done by Canada, into a state which is adequate to the feeling, the interest and the security of this country in itself and as a part of the Empire.

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., did not get away to Montreal last evening as intended, but will remain here until to-morrow. On Monday he will address the board of trade in Montreal, thence proceeding to Cape Breton to prepare for the campaign there. Nomination has been fixed for January 25 and polling for February 4, and although the constituency is a strongly Conservative one the opposition will make a fight with the object of delaying by a week Sir Charles's entry to the house. There will be no appointment to the office of High Commissioner, but as in 1887-88, when he returned to Canada and became Minister of Finance, Sir Charles will for the present administer the office from Ottawa in addition to his new duties as Secretary of State. The office of High Commissioner was offered to Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper when he gave up his place in the government to permit of the re-entry of his father, but Sir Hibbert prefers to remain in Canada to render to his party in the House and country the valuable service of which he is capable.

The debate in the Commons upon the address in reply to the speech from the throne commenced to-day, the mover being Mr. Powell of Westmoreland, and the seconder Mr. McGilivray of North Ontario. Mr. Laurier followed, abusing the government because of their school policy, without taking any definite position himself. Mr. Foster, as leader of the government in the House, after replying to Laurier, taunting him with being afraid to make a manly declaration on the school question, but reminding the Liberal leader that he will soon be compelled to face the issue, Sir Richard Cartwright next spoke and was replied to by Hon. A. R. Dickey, after which the debate was adjourned. One of the measures to be pressed this session will be the bill to render compulsory the branding of cheese with the date of make. Hon. E. G. Prior made his debut as a

CRUSTY SIR RICHARD

Charges Nova Scotia With Being the Nurse of Boodlers—A Lively Time.

Col. Prior's Return Gazetted—Resolution of Loyalty and Devotion to the Queen.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—It has been a stormy day in the house on account of Sir Richard Cartwright's unfortunate remark yesterday that Nova Scotia was the dry nurse and wet nurse for boodlers. The Eastern Conservative members strongly resented the remark, and many personal observations were thrown across the floor. The Speaker with great difficulty maintained order.

The debate on the address was again adjourned. The sub-committee on the remedial bill has discarded the Ontario separate school act as a basis, and has reverted to Mr. Ewart's draft, which proposes that Catholics in separate school sections be exempted from the payment of the public school taxes, and may receive provincial aid.

Mr. Davies (Alberta) wants the government to give a bonus on butter export, and an increase of duty on butter imported, so as to enable the Territorial farmers to compete with the Australian product in the British Columbia market. The trade returns of last month are gratifying. The exports increased a million and a half, and the imports decreased a quarter of a million, the customs revenue having increased a million and a quarter.

Hon. E. G. Prior's return as a member for Victoria will be gazetted to-morrow. Mr. McNichol gives notice of a resolution that in view of the threatening aspect of foreign affairs the house desires to assure Her Majesty's government and the people of the United Kingdom of its unshakable loyalty and devotion to the Throne and Constitution.

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LATEST FROM LONDON.

British Naval Supremacy Must Be Maintained—Oration to R. T. Hon. J. Chamberlain.

Transvaal Prisoners to Be Handed Over—Some of the Sentences Imposed.

Offer by the Pope to Arbitrate in the Venezuelan Question.

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LONDON, Jan. 17.—The Times in an editorial this morning lays stress on the need for the government to continue to recognize the necessity to preserve naval supremacy and at the same time not to neglect the army. It is especially proper the Times thinks, to supply guns and ammunition, and it is quite certain the country does not grudge the money.

Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain received an ovation at Birmingham to-night. He said he could not speak of his recent work because it was still incomplete. He congratulated his hearers that god had come out of evil and that proof had been afforded that in times of national difficulty party distinctions vanished and the old spirit of Englishmen was not dead. The resources of the Empire were never better prepared for any contingency.

The Chronicle has advice from Edukud dated Wednesday saying that a formal meeting of new Ashantee envoys with Captain Stewart, of the British expedition, has taken place at Oraduan, and that the Ashantee has accepted on behalf of the Ashantee, accepting all the British terms for peace. "Thus the campaign has ended," the Chronicle's dispatch adds, "without a shot being fired."

The Daily Telegraph has a despatch from Cape Town, which says: "The Uitlanders who have been arrested will probably be fined £2,000 each. The leaders will be sentenced to five years' imprisonment, but it is likely that when the excitement has abated, President Kruger will liberate and banish them."

The Rome correspondent of the Chronicle says: "The Pope has made a semi-official proposal to President Cleveland to arbitrate the Venezuelan question."

The Graphic this morning editorially says: "Why not make the Monroe doctrine the subject of a formal treaty between England and America? Such a treaty would facilitate the settlement of future disputes."

The Constantinople correspondent of the Times says: "The Queen's letter to the Sultan was couched in terms of the kindest regard, and revealed the Queen's heartfelt desire that the unhappy conditions which have so deeply saddened the British people might wholly disappear, giving place to a state of international harmony and prosperity in which all nations could rejoice and sympathize."

At a cabinet meeting held this morning Mr. Berthelot, French minister for foreign affairs, announced that the Anglo-French agreement regarding Siam had been signed, and that by its terms the Mekong becomes the boundary and both powers undertake to refrain from an armed advance in the Nènam valley. The Siamese territory, west and east of it, is excluded from this clause. The agreement is thought here to be a further indication of the reported entente between France, Great Britain and Russia.

The Times has a dispatch from Berlin which says that at the meeting of the German colonial association here stress was laid upon the necessity of protecting and pushing German trade in South America. Resolutions were adopted thanking the Emperor for his energetic action, expressing sympathy with the Boers and demanding guarantees against the recurrence of violations of international law like those of Dr. Jameson.

It is believed that Clyde and Belfast shipping disputes will be settled through the mediation of Lord James.

NAVY LEAGUE OF CANADA.

TORONTO, Jan. 17.—About one hundred gentlemen of this city, with Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick as honorary president, have formed a branch of the Navy League of Canada. The object of the association, which has its headquarters in London, England, is to have established at Halifax and Vancouver ships in which young Canadians can be drilled in gunnery, etc., thus qualifying them to take part in the naval reserve force of the Empire. In every city in the province efforts to organize similar branches are being made.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The National Democratic committee has decided on Chicago as the place for holding the Democratic National convention on July next.

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