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**I**N the Parliament of Canada on an item of supply amounting to \$65,000 the Opposition distended itself over a payment of two hundred and fifty dollars. Those whom the gods despise they first make mad.

**T**HE statement cabled from England that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had informed the Secretary for the Colonies, the Hon. Alfred Lyttleton, that Canada would take no part in any tariff discussion at the next Colonial conference until the opinion of Great Britain has been ascertained at a general election, sounds like a true report. It would be folly for the Colonies to discuss the question of tariff preference and adopt resolutions which would have no force whatever except that they could be used by politicians who are playing a game in Great Britain. They had better play their own game and let the Colonies alone. Canada has ceased to be a colony and has grown to be a nation, owing allegiance to King Edward and it is a matter of pride to Canadians to know that the nation has a spokesman so clear headed as the present Prime Minister.

**A** HEAVY blow has been administered to the Balfour administration in England and the Chamberlain cause. The Whitby division of Yorkshire has been a Conservative stronghold for 30 years, but on the first inst. a bye-election which occurred there for the House of Commons resulted in the election of a Liberal by a majority of 445. At the last contested election in 1902 the Conservative majority was over one thousand, and in 1900 the Conservative candidate was returned by acclamation. The fact that 14,000 people assembled at one place the other day to hear Mr. Chamberlain deliver a speech, and the fact

that the Chamberlain press, dictated to through a puffery bureau, exploited the meeting for more than it was worth, are things of no account as compared with ballots cast at an election.

**I**T is said that the daughters of the Empire in Canada are setting on foot a movement to secure a fund for the purpose of building a battleship to contribute to the British navy. As the result of the construction of battleships women are widowed, and children are orphaned. One would think that the Daughters of the Empire could secure subscriptions to a more humane object than the construction of a terrible engine for the destruction of life.

**T**HIS year's inauguration of the train service of the Canada Pacific Railway known as the Imperial Limited took place on Sunday night. It was due here in Ottawa at 12.40, midnight, and drew into the Central Station exactly on time. A party of Montreal newspaper men were the guests of the Company as far as Ottawa, where they were received by members of the Parliamentary Press Gallery. The party were in charge of Mr. George Ham, and occupied perhaps the handsomest Pullman that ever drew into Ottawa. It was the first of 45 Pullmans which the company are building. The Canadian Pacific is the only railway in Canada which builds its own Pullman cars, and completely controls its own sleeper service. After an inspection of this magnificent car, Alderman Rosenthal, on behalf of the city council, extended a welcome to the visitors, and several speeches were made. As this car was returning to Montreal it was cut out of the train end and so an opportunity was thus given for those present to celebrate the event. Those who have travelled across the continent on the Imperial Limited know what a splendid train it is. It is an addition to the regular transcontinental trains and not in place of any. It cuts a day off the journey from Vancouver and performs a similar feat from Vancouver to Montreal.