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Killing Time at Ottawa.

An Ottawa correspondent calls attention to the industry displayed by Sir Charles Tupper and his friends in the task of killing time at the Dominion capital. Parliament resumed its sittings yesterday afternoon, after a recess of two working days. The members have been in attendance for over two weeks, and yet practically no work has been done, though it is understood that the Government have several valuable measures ready for submission, and private members are waiting to introduce various matters of public importance, the Opposition have been indulging in such an avalanche of talk—much of it irrelevant, and not a little fated to be dish up again when the estimates and needed legislation are being considered by the House—that no progress has been made in the business for which Parliament is called together.

That we correctly state the situation the official report of the debates of the House of Commons testify. Up till yesterday, since the 16th of March, when Parliament assembled, the official records take up 827 columns of Hansard. Of this, the actual business of the House required but 654 columns to chronicle. The gabfest that followed the moving of the address in reply to the speech from the throne, a proceeding that in Great Britain is almost formal, required, up to date—and the end is not yet—no fewer than 761 columns. Readers of the debates must have seen that it was Sir Charles Tupper who set the very bad example which resulted in this deluge of talk—most of it in progress while members on both sides of the House were asleep, in bed or in their chairs, or killing time in the smoking-rooms. In this way, the Opposition members have so far filled up with their talk no fewer than 560½ columns of the 827 columns required to chronicle the first two weeks of the proceedings of the House. Liberal speakers, a number of whom no doubt entered the debate because of the assumption that failure to talk would be a confession that what was being said by the Opposition could not be answered, took up but 201½ columns with their arguments. As will be seen by the chronicle given below, the Tupper, elder and younger, and that Niagara of verbosity, Mr. N. F. Davin, of Regina, were the worst transgressors:

Liberal members talked—

Mr. Monet	7½ columns
Sir Wilfrid Laurier	24 columns
Mr. Bell, P. E. I.	12 columns
Mr. Martineau	4½ columns
Sir R. Cartwright	17½ columns
Mr. Casey	11½ columns
Mr. Limeau	5½ columns
Mr. Stenson	7 columns
Mr. Talbot	2½ columns
Mr. Britton	8½ columns
Mr. Tarte	25 columns
Mr. Madore	3½ columns
Mr. Davis	31½ columns
Mr. McClure	6½ columns
Mr. Carroll	7½ columns
Mr. Sifton	1½ columns

Conservative speakers talked—

Sir C. Tupper, Bart.	57 columns
Mr. Foster	41½ columns
Mr. C. Wallace	21½ columns
Mr. George Taylor	27 columns
Mr. Monk	8 columns
Mr. Casgrain	15½ columns
Mr. Craig	13½ columns
Mr. Broder	17 columns
Mr. Osler	3½ columns
Mr. Moore	16½ columns
Mr. Davin	60½ columns
Mr. Roche	21 columns
Mr. Sproule	26½ columns
Mr. Chaveau	4½ columns
Mr. Marcotte	8 columns
Mr. Clancy	29 columns
Mr. Bennett	22 columns
Mr. Hughes	34 columns
Mr. McInerney	14 columns
Sir C. H. Tupper	38 columns

In no other deliberative body within the dominions of her Majesty is such a prodigious waste of time tolerated. Why in Canada?

The Strathroy Dairy School.

Hon. John Dryden was obliged to report last week in the Legislature that the Western Dairy School at Strathroy had not given the expected results. The superintendent, he said, was a good buttermaker and instructor, but was lacking in "personal magnetism." Our esteemed contemporary, the Strathroy Age, upholds the superintendent, Mr. Sleightholm, and thinks Mr. Dryden has made a mistake in judgment, but the facts of the case seem to warrant Mr. Dryden in making some change in the management. The school was established in January, 1896, with very encouraging prospects, but so far from making progress, the attendance this year has decreased. The condition of things was so unsatisfactory that the Minister of Agriculture was petitioned by a number of residents of Strathroy and vicinity to have the work of the school looked into. Dr. Mills, president of the Ontario Agricultural College, was sent to Strathroy in February last to make an examination, and it is on the strength of his report that Mr. Dryden has acted. Dr. Mills' impartiality cannot be doubted, and his reputation as a scientist and instructor entitles his opinion to great weight. We are not questioning Mr. Sleightholm's practical skill, but we know that a number of students who have left the institution were dissatisfied with the results, and claimed they had not received the tuition which the circular led them to expect. If the school is to become popular, it must have a good name from those who have attended it. The temperance of the principal has much to do with the success of any school, and if Mr. Sleightholm is deficient in social

qualities it is, perhaps, his misfortune and not his fault, and in no way discredits him. The Minister of Agriculture, however, is acting in good faith, and is bound to take all necessary steps to extend the usefulness of the school. One of the factors against its progress is the hostility of the professional opponents of the Government to any Provincial institution. This has been manifested by persistent attacks on the Guelph College, and the Strathroy school is now being derided from the same partisan motives. We do not believe the farmers of Ontario approve of these tactics. Certainly those in this section of the Province appreciated the establishing of the Western Dairy School in their midst, and, we believe, will uphold it unanimously. Under more favorable conditions it promises to do an important educational work for the dairy interests of this section.

Mr. Fielding on Canada's Finances.

The Toronto Young Liberal Club's banquet on Monday night was a very cheerful affair. Why not? Liberalism is triumphant from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the country is prosperous, and the national finances are more flourishing than ever before. Naturally, the spirit of good times diffused itself around the board, and found expression in the speeches of the evening. The guest of honor was Hon. W. S. Fielding. His was a very pleasant duty since the facts with which he had to deal were particularly agreeable to him as Minister of Finance. Mr. Fielding was able to show that whereas his predecessor in office had drawn up estimates for an expenditure of \$42,000,000 in 1896-97, the Liberals had spent only \$38,349,000 in that year. The Conservatives had predicted a deficit of two or three million dollars in the first year of Liberal rule, but the deficit was only \$519,000. At the close of the next year that deficit had been converted into a surplus of \$1,722,000, and in the present year Mr. Fielding thought he would be able to say that Canada would have a vast surplus than "has been."

Mr. Fielding pointed out that last year the Government spent on the Yukon alone \$680,000, not a penny of which had to be spent by the other Government. But for every dollar spent in the Yukon, the Government was now getting more than a dollar back. Therefore it was not a waste of public money, but a wise policy in the development of the great gold lands of the north. Then again, the present Government had extended the Intercolonial Railway to the commercial capital of Canada, and had appropriated over \$700,000 for the additional expense of operating that road. As a result, in a very short time he believed they would find that the Intercolonial Railway, which had been so great a burden to the country, was paying its own way, and showing a balance on the right side. Naturally, these outlays on the Yukon and on the Intercolonial swelled the total of the expenditure, but it should be remembered that this increase was met by the increase of revenue resulting.

In answer to the charge that taxes have increased, Mr. Fielding pointed out that in 1895 the expenditure was \$73 per head, while in 1898, with new and larger obligations, the expenditure was only \$73 per head. From 1879 to 1896, under a Conservative Administration, the public debt increased over \$105,000,000, or an annual average increase of \$6,189,187, while the Liberals in two years had increased the debt by only \$5,458,966, due chiefly to the deepening of the St. Lawrence canals and the opening up of the gold regions of British Columbia by the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. Last year Parliament voted forty to forty-five millions of money for all classes of expenditure, and the Opposition objected to not one dollar of it.

Mr. Fielding made the gratifying prediction that the next census would show a great advance in the population of Canada. Touching on the tariff question, he said that when the Liberal programme came down, the Conservatives cried that it would ruin the country, kill trade and commerce. They waited for the shutters to go up and the chimneys to come down, but when they found everything going on swimmingly they had turned around, crying out that they had the same old National Policy. He would not say at the present time there was any immediate prospect of securing a preference for Canadian wheat in Great Britain. But if that did come it would not be as a result of any miserable huckstering bargain to be made by Sir Charles Tupper, or any other colonial minister, but as a result of the grand imperial sentiment which had found practical outlet under Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Administration, and which was drawing tighter to the benefit of both the bonds between the old land and the new. This sentiment was greeted with loud and prolonged cheering.

The Opposition have not yet blamed Mr. Tarte for this year's surplus.

The Cuban military assembly have voted to disband the army, concluding that \$2,000,000 of American cash is the better part of valor.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper raced across the continent to Ottawa, delivered that seven-hour speech, and is now racing back again to Vancouver. If his time was so valuable, why did he waste it?

Mr. Fielding predicts that the next census will show a great increase of population. The Opposition are pleased that the Government can't take the

census before the next general election.

Conservative papers profess to know the outline of the "Grit gerrymander." Knowing what their own party would do under the circumstances, they cannot imagine a fair redistribution.

The split in the German Socialist party is getting wider. One of the leaders has written something to the effect that the world is getting better. Of course, he and his followers should be read out of the party.

William Waldorf Astor, the Anglicized American, is trying to escape two million dollars' taxation on personal property in New York by declaring himself to be a non-resident. He is no worse than the average millionaire who manages to elude this form of taxation by declaring that he has little or no personal property. The personal property tax is largely a fraud.

Bradstreet's report points to the enjoyment of favorable business conditions by the businessmen of the Dominion, the total number of failures for the quarter being only 890, and the liabilities only \$2,976,229, a falling off of 22 per cent in number, and of 22 per cent in liabilities involved from a year ago, while as compared with 1896 the number of failures and the liabilities involved are only about one-half as large.

Chicago did something to redeem itself yesterday by snowing under the Anarchist, Altgeld. Carter Harrison was re-elected mayor by a large majority. Harrison is a Democrat, but drew support from all parties by his determined stand against the street railway company and other franchise-seeking corporations, which had bribed the boudling aldermen. Harrison, like Mayor Jones, of Toledo, fought for the municipal ownership of monopolies.

We have some Scandinavians from Iceland, who make excellent individualistic citizens, because they are educated individualists in their own land; but the institutions of Finland are as different from ours as is the language of the people. If single Finns, of an energetic and adventurous disposition, wish to better their state by emigrating, by all means welcome them to our land, but let us have no more foreign colonies planted in our midst.—Brantford Examiner.

The Finns are Scandinavian by ties of blood and tradition. Their institutions are even more democratic than those of Norway and Sweden, and in some ideas they are in advance of all other countries on the continent. We have not heard that the colonization of Waterloo county by the Germans has been a bane to Canada. The Finns have much the same qualities as the Germans.

Observations.

I have a note from Mr. Alex. Duncan, Bothwell, who states that Mrs. McMaster, widow of the late Abraham McMaster, is in her 103rd year. She resides on lot 15, con. 3, Zone township. Who says Canada is not a healthy country?

Cardinal Gibbons, in answer to the question, "Is the face of Christ as depicted in art a strong one?" says (as reported in the Outlook of New York): "The face of our Lord which I am most accustomed to see expresses both strength and kindness." Bishop Potter, on the contrary, thinks the art portraits "weak and inadequate," while Dr. Parkhurst says that they are "not only disappointing, but repulsive." Rabbi Gotlieb declares: "I have never seen a picture of the being called Saviour of the world in which strength was a marked feature, or even indicated. Naturally so, because the being was not a man of flesh and blood, but the creation of theological fancy and dogmatic construction." Many other clergymen of note join in the discussion of this question in the April Magazine Number of the Outlook.

A reader of The Advertiser suggests that as there are pulp exchanges, so there might be occasional exchanges by choirs.

I was talking the other day with a citizen about the waterworks dam. This is about what he said:

"The rebuilding of the waterworks dam calls for more consideration than was given to its first construction. The saving in the water power supplied by it over steam has been more than counterbalanced by the loss and damage done by the freshets and ice-jams, and rather than rebuild it on the same plan, it might be better for the city, financially and otherwise, to abandon the water power and rely on steam for pumping. The dam was built at right angles across the river. On the form of a dam, the Encyclopedia containing the latest scientific and expert information, refers to the title 'weir,' and says: 'It is generally placed obliquely across the stream, to make the length of its crest considerably greater than the width of the channel, and thereby prevent the water in floods from rising to so great a height as with a shorter crest.' . . . The navigation lock is placed at the downstream end of the weir. . . . Much obliquity, however, makes the current to infringe against and to cut into the side of the river opposite the lower face of the weir, and to prevent this effect weirs are sometimes made in the shape of two sides of a triangle, with its apex pointing upstream. This does not seem to have been known or considered when the dam was built, and is a matter not now to be lost sight of."

"It is said that steel lock gates cannot be worked in flood-time if they occur where the ice comes down, as they usually do, and it is therefore proposed to have pipes through the

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Men's Newest Fur Felt Stiff and Fedora Hats; colors, black, brown, nutra, etc.; silk trimmings, etc. Very special at.....\$2 00

Men's Extra Fine Stiff and Fedora Hats, with extra fine silk trimmings; newest spring styles, in black, brown, nutra, etc.; fresh, new goods. Special value at.....\$2 50

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dam, with stop-cocks, which, when turned on, would convey the water off more rapidly, and be in effect a substitute for gates. It is quite probable, however, that these pipes might cause more danger from the ice-jams than in the past, as the ice could not go through the pipes, and would necessarily accumulate so as to require an immense flood to float it over the dam.

A gate capable of being opened at the time of ice-jams seems to be absolutely necessary, and if such a gate is not workable, it then becomes a question whether the dam should not be abandoned. The pipes would, like the gates, create an under-current, and clear the river of sewage, but the pipes would not prevent the ice-jams, but rather aggravate them. Gates workable at the time the ice is carried off were built for that purpose by the Keewatin Power Company on the Winnipeg River, in the District of Assiniboia, in this Province, and it is respectfully suggested that a deputation of the Water Commissioners and the engineer, visit these dams and inspect and report upon their operation, such report to be made before any action is taken to rebuild the waterworks dam. A visit to Keewatin immediately or very soon would find the gates open, and the ice being carried through."

Here's a chance for something like a deputation.

What Others Say.

Truth in a Jest.
[New Westminster Sun.]

It is quite in season to say that the fool and his flannels are soon parted.

A Better Way.
[Cleveland Plaindealer.]

When they say that the British and American sailors are fighting together they don't mean in the old way.

It Depends.

A contemporary is inquiring, Can the Filipinos be Americanized? That depends on whether there are any of them left after the preliminary civilizing influences have ceased to operate.

The Molders' Trouble.
[Hamilton Herald.]

The best way to settle this dispute is for the stove manufacturers of Hamilton, London and Brantford to act together, and for the molders in these towns to act together; for the employers and molders to agree to refer the matters in dispute to arbitrators, and for the employers and molders to abide by the decision of the arbitrators.

Mr. Tarte a Worker.
[Bobbycon Independent.]

Mr. Tarte delivered a characteristic address in the house this week. No matter how much a person may be opposed to the honorable gentleman's views, the bold, dashing, outspoken manner in which he discloses his aims and intentions, compels admiration. He makes no attempt at concealment. He intends to develop the transportation

facilities of the country, and to do so will cost money, a great deal of it. He did not take charge of a department for the mere purpose of drawing his salary, and giving his head an opportunity to swell. Not at all. He is a worker. He gives his whole heart an energies to whatever he undertakes, and so long as he is head of the public works department the people may as well make up their minds that those works will hum.

Light and Shade.

Circumlocution.

Mother—For mercy's sake, Harriet, what do you and Mr. Dumleigh find to talk about? It was buzz, buzz, the whole evening.

Harriet—We were talking about trusts and combines, ma, but it was not a profitable conversation, after all. Mr. Dumleigh talked about all the combinations he could think of except the matrimonial combine.—Boston Transcript.

Your True Friend.

It takes your enemy and your friend working together to hurt you to the heart; the one to slander you and the other to get the news to you.—Pudd'nhead Wilson.

Man: A Fable.

Once upon a time a man insanely conceived it were spring and laid aside his winter underwear.

The next day it was very cold, and the man, venturing abroad, fell through a coal hole in the sidewalk, whereupon he cursed the weather.

"Had it not turned cold," he exclaimed, "nobody would have had occasion to open his coal-hole."

He did not reflect, seemingly, that if he had retained flannels suitable to the season, these would have rendered him so large that he couldn't fall through a coal-hole.

This fable teaches that men are exceedingly unreasonable, at times.—Detroit Journal.

The Difference.

The position and token of the vulgar: He looks never to himself for

benefit or hurt, but always to outward things. The position and character of the philosopher: He looks only to himself for benefit or hurt.—Epictetus.

FUN AT WASHINGTON.

Washington, April 5.—Easter Monday egg-rolling, a distinct feature of Capital City life, brought hosts of children to the White House grounds to enjoy the hospitality of the president's private gardens. During the afternoon the Marine Band gave a concert for the special pleasure of the little ones, who had gathered to roll the eggs down the grassy lawn. President and Mrs. McKinley enjoyed the rollicking fun of the children from the White House portico.

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When interest is at variance with conscience, any pretense that seems to reconcile them satisfies the hollow-hearted.—Horne.

FAGGED OUT.—None but those who have become fagged out know what a depressed, miserable feeling it is. All strength has gone, and despondency has taken hold of the sufferer. They feel as though there was nothing to live for. There, however, is a cure—one box of Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will do wonders in restoring health and strength. Mandrake and Dandelion are two of the articles entering into the composition of Parmelee's Pills.

Some men are born old, and some never seem so. If we keep well and cheerful we are always young, and at last die in youth, even when years would count us old.—Tryon Edwards.

The great lung healer is found in that excellent medicine sold as Bickie's Anti-Consumptive Syrup. It soothes and diminishes the sensibility of the membranes of the throat and air passages, and is a sovereign remedy for all coughs, colds, hoarseness, pain or soreness of the chest, bronchitis, etc.

Good breeding carries along with it a dignity that is respected by the most petulant. Ill-breeding invites and authorizes the familiarity of the most timid.—Chesterfield.

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The man who lives in vain, lives worse than in vain. He who lives to no purpose, lives to a bad purpose.—W. Nevins.

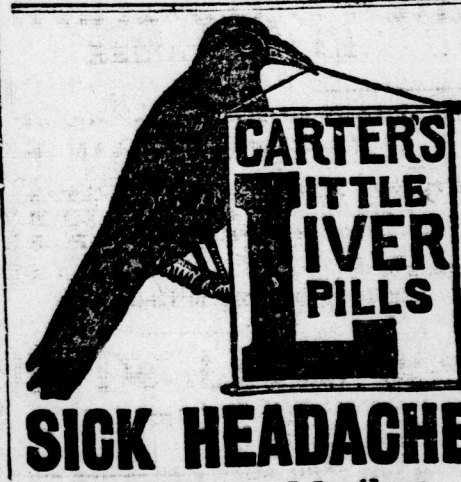
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