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Hon. Mr. Fielding, in the evening, introduced an amendment calling for a substantial reduction of the customs taxation on necessities and comforts of life, in view of the present unrest and hardship, and also for a lowering of the cost of instruments of production used in industries based on the national resources.

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Concluding his speech, Hon. Mr. Fielding, seconded by Hon. Mackenzie King, leader of the opposition, submitted the following motion:

"That all the words after 'that' in the resolution be omitted and these inserted instead:

"The minister of finance, in the budget speech, in the session of 1919, gave assurance to the house that during the ensuing parliamentary recess there would be a public inquiry by the minister and one or more of his colleagues into the operation of the customs tariff, with a view to again considering revision of the tariff at the following session.

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"That in view of the continued increase in the high cost of living, of the greatly increased burden of taxation, of the hardships which many of the people suffer, from these causes, and the unrest naturally arising therefrom, and in view of the desirability of adopting measures to increase production and effect such relief to consumers and producers as may be within the power of parliament, the house is of opinion that, pending a wider revision of the tariff, substantial reductions of the burdens of customs taxation should be made with a view to the accomplishing of two purposes of the highest importance, first, diminishing the very high cost of living which presses so severely on the masses of the people; second, reducing the cost of the instruments of production in the industries based on the natural resources of the Dominion, the vigorous development of which is essential to the people and prosperity of our country."

The member for Queens and Shelburne warned the minister against continuing his present policy. Drawing huge subscriptions from the people of Canada was all right in its way, but that meant diverting finances from their regular sources, and such a policy followed during the war had led to the present tightening up on bank loans and the housing shortage which was the result of lack of ready funds. The government should strive to get Canada's finances back on a normal basis so that her securities could be marketed through the regular channels and home funds left in circulation at home.

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Mr. Fielding condemned alike the policy of absolute protection and of wide open free trade. On the one hand the laudable policy of protection of infant industries became folly when it permitted the infant, after it had attained vigorous maturity, to "knock the old man around the house." On the other hand a policy which permitted manufacturers abroad to flood the Canadian market with cut-rate products until it had closed out domestic manufacture, and then to exploit the field which they held unchallenged was equally foolish. It was sometimes good business to depart from the absolute principles of free trade, if the weapon of protection was used only where it was needed and discarded where it was not. Mr. Fielding spoke of the bounties granted in the early days to the steel and iron industries of Nova Scotia, under which increased business brought millions to the country and developed the whole eastern part of the province. The bounties were automatically dropped when the business got on its feet.

Sir George Foster emphasized the need of thrift and honest toil, together with increased production to the very limit. He did not doubt that Canadians would meet the demands on them. As to Mr. Fielding's advances to the farmers he compared it to a Romeo and Juliet episode. He could not hope to reach such heights in love-making as did the member for Queens and Shelbourne in his advances to the member for Marquette. The debate was adjourned at 10.30 p. m.

HOME RULE DEBATE.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) (Canadian Press Despatch.)

London, May 18—The home rule debate in the house of commons today had two important results—first, the government's concession of two senates, for northern and southern Ireland respectively, and second, the decision of the Labor party announced by John Robert Clynes to vote against the first clause of the bill and thereafter to take no part in the discussions, following the example of the Nationalists, and to a certain extent, of the free Liberals. Henceforth, therefore, the bill will meet with serious opposition only from the government side of the house.

ALL ACQUITTED.

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