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News from Ottawa

Tariff Commission---Hudson Bay Railway---Graham's Election

By The Guide Special Correspondent

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—It is over a week since Parliament adjourned for the Christmas holidays, but up to the present time the government has not been able to do very much in the way of preparing the sessional program, though the ministers hope to have it pretty well in hand when the House meets again on January 10. On December 7, the day the House adjourned, Premier Borden left for New York, where he had two engagements to speak, and where he met Ex-President Roosevelt. Mr. Borden got back to the capital on Monday morning. He presided over a sitting of the cabinet in the afternoon and again on Tuesday. On

Wednesday morning he left for Montreal where he spent the remainder of the week, the guest of Sir Thos. Shaughnessy. The Premier's visit to Montreal coincided with that of the Duke of Connaught, and he was present at the various functions given in honor of the governor-general. Apart from that the visit was in the nature of a brief holiday. Mr. Borden returns to the capital to-morrow and it is expected that next week cabinet meetings will be more numerous. The conciliatory speech made by the Premier in New York has been the subject of some little comment as indicating that despite the anti-American views to which expression was given

during the campaign the premier realizes the necessity of cultivating the friendship of Uncle Sam. To those extreme Imperialists who fondly believed that as the result of the defeat of reciprocity Canada would refuse to have any more truck with the United States the action of the premier will no doubt be the cause of disappointment, which goes to show what little stock should be placed in election cries designed to excite the electorate for the moment.

Tariff Commission

The semi-official statement which first appeared in Toronto papers friendly to the administration that the tariff commission, when named, will be instructed to proceed at once with an inquiry into the standing of the makers of farm implements will interest the farmers of the West. It is a recognition of at least a suspicion on the part of the government that the demands of the agriculturists are just and,

although no doubt designed as a buffer against which demands for reductions made this session will beat in vain, contains the germ of the hope that a reduction in the duties may really be brought about as the result of the enquiries to be made by the members of the tariff commission.

There is reason to believe that the biggest debate of the session will come shortly after the House meets when Hon. W. T. White will introduce the proposed legislation to provide for the appointment of the tariff commission. Opposition members from the West propose to move amendments and it is understood will challenge the proposal on the score that by the appointment of a commission the government will seek to evade its constitutional responsibility for tariff changes. They will make much of the fact that the appointment of the commission was first suggested by the Manufacturers' Association, and that in the end the manufacturer

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