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READERS ARE WANTED FOR MR. FOSTER'S SPEECH.

Sir Richard Cartwright Improves on Solomon--The People of Canada are Satisfied With the Facts and Do Not Want Figures.

Ottawa, March 29--The whole of the sitting today was occupied by Sir Richard Cartwright's speech...

The Two Stories. Sir Richard would make a sporting offer to Mr. Foster...

Sir Richard took up Mr. Foster's statement that the per capita expenditure had risen in 1899 to \$9.37...

Tribute to Mr. Fielding and brushed aside the slighting remarks of Mr. Foster as to the character of the budget speech...

Referring to Mr. Foster's speech, Sir Richard said he would like to know Sir Mackenzie Bowell's opinion of it...

It was not the purpose of this government to foment rebellion. Foster's Taffy. He ridiculed his figures with regard to the amount of taxation remitted by the abolition of the sugar duties...

He described how the public services were starved in 1896 by the late government. These economies of 1896 in the public works department had been very costly...

Referring to his speech of 1888, quoted by Mr. Foster, he said that in the United States as of the utmost importance to Canada and the Empire...

Free corn, he claimed, had proved a great boon to the great mass of the people of Canada. Sir Richard proceeded to discuss the preference to Great Britain...

The finance minister had underestimated the benefits that would accrue to Canada from having her securities on the trustee list...

After recess Sir Richard resumed and expressed his belief that in the course of a few years the export trade of England to Canada might be equal to that from England to the United States...

Absurd attacks had been made on the first minister who was accused of preventing us from receiving a preference in the British markets...

THE BOERS ARE VERY BUSY IN MANY PLACES.

They Are Working in Small Parties and Are Causing a Good Deal of Trouble--Lord Methuen's Forces Have Been Withdrawn From the Road to Mafeking--Good News Is Very Scarce.

London, March 30--A. m.--The Boers are concentrating in force about 15 miles north of Bloemfontein...

No Battle. It does not seem probable that the Boers will give serious battle in the fairly open country north of Glen...

Boers Busy. In small affairs the Boers are daringly aggressive in all parts of the field of war...

There is a Boer report from Natal that a Russian agent of fortune, Colonel Kanotki, with 100 horsemen, is operating close to the British outposts on the western border...

The Boers have re-occupied Campbell and are in strength near Taungs and Barkly West...

They shelled the British camp at Warrenton, Wednesday, but moved out of range that night...

Methuen's Force Recalled. Lord Methuen and the forces that had been operating in the Barkly district have been recalled to Kimberley...

Lord Roberts is making extensive arrangements to police and safeguard all the Free State towns on the territory occupied by the Boers...

Kitchener Offered a Place. It is reported in London in a well informed quarter that Lord Kitchener will be offered the post of commander-in-chief in India...

Completing Arrangements for the Queen's Visit. The Life Guards Ready and Royal Trains Tried...

London, March 29--Arrangements for the Queen's visit to Dublin are rapidly nearing completion...

Loss of the golden opportunity on the part of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He then took up the question of the population of Canada...

He denied that it was altogether luck. It was not luck that passed the preferential tariff, that sent the Canadian contingent...

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Speaking on the general prosperity of the country Sir Richard said that the opposition claimed that it was pure luck.

DESTRUCTION OF MINES STILL BEING DISCUSSED.

The Transvaal Government Has Not Yet Finally Decided to Blow Them Up.

London, March 30--The Pretoria correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing yesterday, says: "Although it is true that the state mining engineer has made borings in the mines, I am officially informed that this is without the government's sanction..."

GREEN SHAMROCKS FOR IRISH GRAVES.

A City of Cork is to Have Shamrocks Sown on the Graves of Irish Soldiers in Africa.

London, March 29--The Duke of York has accepted from a resident of Cork a thousand packets of shamrock seed which will be sown upon the graves of Irish soldiers in South Africa.

ANOTHER FIGHT MAY TAKE PLACE.

The Boers are Gathering North of Glen--French's Cavalry Go Up.

London, March 30--A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Bloemfontein, dated March 28, says: "The Boers are active north of Glen, about 15 miles from here. It is reported that they are concentrating in considerable force..."

KRUGER TO RETAKE BLOEMFONTEIN.

He Intends to do it Within a Week--Boers Advancing Southward.

London, March 30--The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Morning Post, telegraphing Wednesday, says: "The Boers are retaking Bloemfontein within a week, and it appears probable that the Boers are advancing in force southward..."

ROBERTS ORDERS METHUEN TO RETURN.

Boers Reported to be Holding the Line to Mafeking in Strength.

Kimberley, Wednesday, March 28--Lord Methuen has returned to Kimberley from the Barkly district. The mounted troops under him are expected tomorrow. They were at Likaikong when they received the order from Lord Roberts to return here.

THE TRANSVAAL TRYING TO BLUFF TURKEY.

Threaten to Look Upon Egypt in a Hostile Country--A Question of Guns.

Brussels, March 29--Dr. Leyds, the diplomatic agent of the Transvaal, has drawn the attention of the Egyptian and Turkish governments to the fact that the British government in the House of Commons, had admitted that six Maxim guns were borrowed from the Egyptian army for use in the Transvaal war...

NEWFOUNDLAND LEGISLATURE. Reciprocity With the United States Wanted.

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IMPORTANT WITNESSES FAIL TO APPEAR.

They Do Not Seem to Relish Having to Tell the Whole Truth--Mr. Johnson Is Still in Montreal--Mr. Archibald Not to Come.

Fredericton, March 29--Willard Kitchener of Fredericton, took the witness stand at 11 o'clock. On being examined by Dr. Stockton he said he had contracted for both the Petticoat and Port Eglis bridges...

THE CAMPAIGN IN BASUTOLAND.

Commandant Oliver is Under Surveillance--Brabant has Returned.

Alwal North, March 29--General Brabant and his staff have returned from Konakville and are now actively engaged in holding the southern frontier of the Free State. Detachments are being sent to strengthen the positions which have been occupied.

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THE LONDON PRESS ON THE CANADIAN BUDGET.

OTTAWA, March 29--The London press comments on Mr. Fielding's budget speech were read in the House of Commons by Sir Richard Cartwright today.

The Standard said: "The supporters of preferential trade within the Empire will welcome the beginning made by Canada as the one way in which, if ever, such a thing might most easily be brought about."

The Financial News says: "We are not grateful merely for what Canada is doing for the mother country in the field or in the less glorious sphere of commerce. What appeal most strongly to our instincts is the splendid example Canada is giving to her younger sisters."

The Bullionist says: "We make bold to say never in the history of an English dependency, and rarely in the history of the mother country, has a finance minister been able to conclude his annual statement with such a stirring peroration as Mr. Fielding."

Referring to the introduction of the preferential policy the Bullionist says: "The result of this spontaneous act is happily described by Mr. Fielding when he pointed out that though there was no preference for Canada on the statute books of Great Britain there was a preference in the hearts of the people, as was made manifest by the large increase of trade between the two countries."

Mr. Fielding was right when he stated that the Canadian opposition was asking too much in demanding the imposition of a tax by Great Britain on foreign foodstuffs. In imperial matters both we and the colonies must attempt to be practical. The English want lessons such as Canada is teaching them today, such as we are pleased to think, they are learning.

The day of a close knit empire may be nearer than we dream of, but when confederation is an accomplished fact the work of Canada's statesmen will not be forgotten."

The afternoon session started at 3 o'clock and only lasted an hour. Mr. Winslow was again placed on the stand and examined by Dr. Stockton in connection with the contracts for the Campbell and Black bridges...

When the evening proceedings were over the chairman read a telegram from J. Haddock saying he was ill and could not attend the meeting.

Mr. Winslow was again before the committee, he produced the papers called by Dr. Stockton.

Mr. Winslow said whenever he received instructions from the chief commissioner he would do so.

To Dr. Pugsley he said in cases where the chief commissioner instructed him to do as he presumed the commissioner was satisfied everything was correct.

Mr. Haines' report on bridges were addressed to the chief commissioner.

This concluded Mr. Winslow's evidence. Dr. Stockton requested that the committee adjourn until tomorrow morning.

Dr. Pugsley stated that as Mr. Baxter had arrived yesterday he had requested the few days adjournment of last week. He had not asked for any adjournment and it was not fair that the committee should adjourn until tomorrow morning.