

HAMMERING AT THAT CLAUSE

Commoners Are Still Practising Oratory.

DR. SPROULE OPENED OUT.

He Contended That Parliament Should Give Its Assent

Before Any Commercial Treaty Could Be Made Law—Mr. Fielding Admitted That There Might Be Difficulties at First—The Premier Handed Mr. Foster the Premier Order in Council and Mr. McNeill Presented an Amendment, Which Was of Course Voted Down—Adjournment at Midnight.

Ottawa, June 1.—(Special.)—At the opening of the House this afternoon Mr. Davis (Saskatchewan) expressed his regret that exaggerated reports of the trouble in the Northwest had been published in the newspapers. He thought they were calculated to create a bad impression in the country and to prevent immigration. He said the report that the half-breeds were unwilling to lead assistance to the Mount Police was absolutely untrue, 30 half-breeds from Batchoe having joined the police to help capture Almighty Voice. He appealed to the Government to assist the widow of Mr. Grady, who was killed by the Indians. He said that meeting men in British Columbia had communicated with him to ask how it was that effect was not given to the act passed by the Dominion last year to encourage silver lead mining. On the strength of the Government being capricious had been induced to put money into these companies, but up to the present time no action had been taken by the Government on the bill. He asked whether it was the intention of the Government to give effect to the measure.

Mr. Fielding, in reply, said the best answer he could give was that that was exactly what the Government was doing at the present moment. It would depend on Her Majesty's Government whether Canada was to give a preference to British goods or not, but so far as the Government was concerned they were anxious to have preferential trade with the Mother Country, and they had it at this moment.

Mr. McNeill then moved the following amendment: That in the opinion of this House it is advisable that a customs arrangement be effected between the United Kingdom and her colonies which trade within the Empire may be placed on a more favorable footing than that which is carried on with foreign countries. That, while it regards a reduction of 25 per cent. without any compensating advantages in the markets of the United Kingdom as greater than the industries of Canada can at present safely endure, yet, as an initial step in the direction of commercial union of the Empire, and in recognition of the many benefits conferred upon Canada, this House will make an appreciable and unconditional reduction in duties which it levies on goods, and the produce of the United Kingdom only, so soon as the Government or Parliament of the United Kingdom are prepared to take advantage of such reduction.

The discussion was continued by Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Clure, Rogers, Gagnon and Donnelly.

Mr. O'Brien's Pointed Remarks.

Mr. O'Brien, in reply, said the House might be misled by the statement that a few words to the House on this subject. He wanted to give the Government the benefit of the doubt in regard to their trade resolutions. He would assume that they were going to give preferential trade to Great Britain. If they did that he would support them with his original intention. He believed that their original intention was to give a preference to British goods. He believed that their original intention was to give a preference to British goods. He believed that their original intention was to give a preference to British goods.

After remarks by Messrs. Craig and Bell (Addington) the amendment proposing Parliamentary assent to any preferential arrangement with countries other than England was put on a division. The result was 100 ayes, 100 noes.

Mr. Foster Taken at a Disadvantage.

At this point the Premier handed Mr. Foster the promised Order-in-Council deciding to admit only British goods to preferential treatment. Mr. Foster was thus, without a moment's notice, obliged to deal with the evidence yet added to the procedure by which the Government determined what country was to be the preferential rate. Mr. Foster said that on May 10th after the Controller of Customs had reported that in his decision Great Britain was put on a level just placed in his hands so that the twenty days after the Controller had ordered all customs duties to be reduced to the lower rate of duty.

The discussion was continued on these lines during the remainder of the afternoon sitting.

Mr. Macdonald (Kings, P.E.I.) continued the debate after recess. He made a capital speech from the Maritime Province standpoint. While referring to the duty on corn he was interrupted by Mr. Cowan with the remark: "You have no corn down there."

Mr. Macdonald shot back the remark, saying the laughter and merriment seems the honorable gentleman is correct.

Mr. Cowan thereupon subsided.

Mr. McNeill spoke in support of the tariff, believing that it was a Canadian duty. He said that in the United States, as in Canada, the tariff was a source of revenue. He said that in the United States, as in Canada, the tariff was a source of revenue.

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THE EXHIBITION BOARD.

Each Business at a Good Practical Nature Put Through at Yesterday's Regular Meeting.

There was a full attendance yesterday afternoon when the regular meeting of the Industrial Exhibition Board. The Board was organized by Mr. George H. Goodenham, who had been elected chairman and Mr. W. P. Fraser, superintendent.

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