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TWENTY-FIRST YEAR

CONSERVATIVES IN CALICOES AT OTTAWA

Sir Charles Tupper and Others Proposed to Pay the Contingents in Full While at Ottawa—No Decision Was Reached.

In the House Hon. George E. Foster Showed How the Liberals Were Traveling Under False Colors—Sir Richard Was Up in Reply—The Insolvency Bill Introduced.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—(Special)—Today was a triumph for the Conservative party. Not only did Hon. Mr. Foster electrify the House with a masterly denunciation of the government's policy and turn top-sy-turvy the specious argument advanced by Liberal speakers; but also the evident desire of the Conservative party to facilitate the business of the House through the Ministry of their lips exposed their utter insincerity and unreasonableness to proceed with matters of national import. Mr. Foster's speech is considered to be the best effort he has ever made in the House, and his fastening of the blame for raising the railway cry on Mr. Tarte was forged with admirable skill and incontrovertible argument. Mr. Foster has again proved his right to the title of the best debater in the House. A Lesson in Advanced Loyalty. He gave a lesson in advanced loyalty to the government when, in answer to a question from Mr. Monet, he said he was not present opposed to independence, and did not think he would ever believe "that independence away from Great Britain would be better than independence within the Empire of the British Empire."

Not Up to Date. But the greatest stroke was struck when, after Sir Richard Cartwright had finished his speech, the address, the resolution of the Conservatives to attend to business, nonplussed the government and showed them up in a peculiar light. The policy of the Opposition in this regard was well defined, and has been stated by the speaker before. It had been resolved to limit the speeches on the address to one or at most two. No amendment to the address was brought in because the government had been forced by the Conservatives to withdraw public to take an active and intelligent stand on the contingent matter, a stand differing widely from what Mr. Tarte and his co-adjutors had demanded. Mr. Tarte had been thrown down, and the proper agitation of the Conservatives' party, backed by public opinion, justified.

They Were All Choked Off. Just here the Conservatives' right-hand man, Sir Richard Cartwright, in his speech that aroused his followers' Imperialistic enthusiasm. He took in a reference to the fish and anti-Roe stand on the war that Tarte, Bourassa and Monet did not dare to raise their voices in opposition to the manifest sentiment of the House. They would doubtless have been exposed by the Liberal and Imperialistic principles enunciated, but

Several Cases Discovered in Three Houses—How a Sick Man Infected His Barber and His Tailor and His Fellow-Boarders—Police Now on Guard.

Toronto Junction, Feb. 6.—Toronto Junction has not a smallpox scare. The existing epidemic, and the board members for stamping out the disease, were the following resolutions were passed: 1. That the Sanitary Inspector be authorized to inspect such houses as are infected, or in which are infectious diseases, and suspects in all contaminated houses. 2. That the Local Board of Health of Toronto engage a physician to attend to the cases of smallpox in the town. 3. That the Medical Health Officer be instructed to get all the help required from the doctors of the town to examine and vaccinate those in the town who have not yet been vaccinated in the school and appointed public stations where all others may be vaccinated free of charge.

To Vaccinate C. P. R. Employees. In view of the fact that the more serious cases are in boarding houses, which railway men reside in, Dr. Bryce immediately telegraphed Mr. Nicol of the C.P.R. to instruct the physician of the company to vaccinate all employees in the western division who have not been vaccinated. Nearly all the cases that have broken out in the town are among persons who have not been vaccinated. Some of the milder cases are among vaccinated persons, who were vaccinated many years ago. It is so long since smallpox was epidemic in Ontario that Dr. Bryce says that the public have had no fear of it, and fully 50 per cent of the children of the province are not vaccinated at all.

Those Who Got It. As far back as the disease can be traced, it would appear to have originated with Mr. Walker, who was confined to his bed for about a week of the milder type of the disease, and latterly has enjoyed the liberty of other healthy persons, also somewhat visited by the disease. The barber he visited has taken it, and the man who inspected him for a suit of clothes has contracted it and four persons in the house he boarded are down with the disease, whilst other cases point to infection from the same

WAR EAGLE SHARES WENT UP TO \$100

Panic Reigned Among the Stockholders, But the Worst Seems to Be Over—Mr. Gooderham Thinks the Properties Are Great Mines.

WAR EAGLE. June 6, 1899—1,750,000 shares at \$2.88 equals \$5,000,000. Feb. 6, 1900—1,750,000 shares at \$1.60 equals \$2,800,000. Depreciation in stock valuation of mine \$3,900,000. CENTRE STAR. Sept. 1899—3,500,000 shares at \$1.65 equals \$5,775,000. Feb. 6, 1900—3,500,000 shares at \$1.00 equals \$3,500,000. Depreciation in stock valuation of mine \$2,275,000. Total shrinkage in stock valuation of the two properties \$9,260,000.

The above set of figures represents the public's ideas of the respective values of the two mines at the periods when the stock in each touched high-water mark, and when the two issues reached the lowest point yesterday. A drop of nearly \$4,000,000 in the value of War Eagle in eight months, and a decline of over two and a quarter millions in Centre Star in five months constitute two somewhat appalling breaks.

A BOLT FROM THE BLUE. The secret had been well kept, and the management's circular came like a "bolt from the blue" to most people. Even many who had considered themselves "insiders" had been evidently taken by surprise. This is the case with such men

NOT A WORD FROM GENERAL BULLER HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR THREE DAYS

Gen. Macdonald Now in a Position to Threaten the Boer Right Flank at Magersfontein—Lord Roberts to the Colonial Dutch.

London, Feb. 7.—(4.20 a.m.)—Lord Roberts has caused to be distributed in the towns bordering upon the invaded colonial territory an invitation to "Free Staters and Transvaalers to go into the down, offering them good treatment and a restoration of their farms on the British occupation of Republican territory. The manifesto guarantees that those bringing horses can sell them. Foreigners will have their passage paid to Europe. Colonial rebels are advised to surrender in preference to being taken prisoners.

Boers Discovered the British Who Were Protecting Coolies Cutting Grass Near Ladysmith. Five Were Killed. Modder Spruit, Monday, Feb. 6.—On Saturday the Pretoria corps discovered a party of British, from Ladysmith, entrenched at a railroad bridge, protecting a number of coolies, who were cutting grass. A party of Boers, dispatched to the scene, was attacked from the trenches, and all retreated, except four, who, hiding, permitted the British to advance within 50 yards, when they fired a volley, killing three men. This was seen from the British fort, which fired a shell, and sent cavalry to assist the British. The Boers beat those back, killing two men.

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AMENDMENT REJECTED BRITISH COMMONS

The Government Is Sustained in Its War Policy by a Vote of 352 Against 139 in the Lower House.

London, Feb. 7.—The House of Commons has rejected Lord Fitzmaurice's amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne by 352 against 139 in its favor. The debate on the amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne was then resumed by Mr. H. H. Asquith, Liberal (Home Secretary in the Rosebery Ministry). He maintained that the war was neither intended nor desired by the government, but, naturally, explained the country's unpreparedness. Doubtless there had been a demonstrable lack of foresight and insight. Mr. Chamberlain no doubt would give much for a chance of re-editing his despatches. They were no ground in anything which had happened or in anything which they could contemplate at present, for the "croakings of pessimism or its of panic."

MR. BALFOUR SPEAKS. The Government Leader Strongly Defended Mr. Chamberlain in His War Policy. Mr. Balfour, who, on rising, was loudly cheered, said: "What is the object of the amendment? What is it likely to attain? One might have expected that the War Office would have been attacked, but that is not the case, I am driven to the conclusion that the amendment is an attack upon the Colonial Secretary. (Heard, he.) Well, the Colonial Secretary may well ignore these persistent attacks. The right of gentlemen may remember that it has been during his term of office that the Colonial Secretary that the British Empire as a whole has first shown its full consciousness of what it is, and of what its destinies are."

What General Buller Said. Answering a question, he said there was no truth in the story of Major-General Sir William Buller's communication to Sir Alfred Milner, the British High Commissioner in South Africa, as published by The Manchester Guardian to-day. According to the report referred to, Major-General Buller, the former commander of the British forces in South Africa, objected to reinforcing the border garrisons, and said 50,000 men should be on hand at the outbreak of war, even if it was confined to the South African Republic.

How It Affected Montreal. Montreal, Feb. 6.—(Special)—Today Buller and "Bobs" have given place to War Eagle and Centre Star in public discussion, and some people's ears must be burning for the fact that the directors have not been up to the mark. It is suggested that Mr. Gooderham will be selling higher than ever it has in the past.

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