

Standard Oil Contribution

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Monopoly Thriving Under Liberal Rule—Costly Favors to Party Friends.

Ottawa, April 14.—Parliament is taking the usual Easter holidays, and the halls of legislation are practically deserted. Easter recess is advantageous only in that it gives a breathing spell to the government.

One of the most notable speeches of the week was that by Mr. Moore, the Conservative member for Stanstead. He is an authority on the oil question, and the evidence which he produced on Wednesday goes to show that the coal oil business of this country is monopolized by the Standard Oil Company, and that it is enabled to do so by reason of the tariff.

Mr. Moore pointed out, there is a very effective means at hand for bringing the Standard Oil Company to time. Three years ago the Liberal party, at the time when the preferential tariff was before the country, incorporated into the Customs Act, amid a great clamor of the party trumpet, a clause to prevent combines and monopolies from preying upon the people.

There is great amusement in conservative circles over the mess which the Paris Exhibition commissioners are making of the arrangements for the Canadian exhibit. There are no fewer than 200 commissioners in Paris at the present time, and they have evidently been so busy enjoying the frivolities of the French capital that one of the most important things in connection with Canada's arrangements has been overlooked, namely, the cold storage accommodation in which the exhibits are to be placed.

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A New Yorker has devised a street cleaning machine to be operated by one man, with a rotary brush geared to a large wheel to be rapidly turned and sweep the dirt into an endless chain of buckets, which empty into a bag suspended from the machine as the latter is propelled along the pavement.

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