

in this House, it was not fulfilled and came to nothing. But I venture to predict now that not even our gold mines, which are already causing an influx of capital, will create such a favourable impression of Canada as a field for investment as will the preferential duty given to English goods, and this fact is turning the attention of all English people towards this colony. Wherever trade goes capital will go, where the flag goes capital will follow. When the people are talking about a certain country there emigrants will go. Any circumstance that makes Canada well talked about will turn the minds of investors as well as other people to this country, and the result will be money in our pockets. I just wish to say in general terms, that I believe this is the first sign of a new and better future for the country. We have come out of the chrysalis of protection; we have ceased to try and flock all by ourselves, like Dundreary's little bird. We are going to breathe a freer air; we are going to have freer trade; we are going to have freer enterprise; we are going to have freer aspirations; and, Sir, I believe that from this day forth, we are going to take up a fuller citizenship in the Empire, a fuller citizenship in the world, than has ever before been known in our history.

With these prospects in view, which I believe will spring to a large extent from the broader liberal policy that has been inaugurated by this Liberal Government, I have abundant hope and confidence in the future greatness of Canada.

It being Six o'clock, the Speaker left the Chair.

After Recess.

IN COMMITTEE—THIRD READING.

Bill (No. 26) respecting the Grand Trunk Railway Company of Canada.—(Mr. Gibson.)

SECOND READINGS.

Bill (No. 64) to incorporate the British Yukon Chartered Company.—(Mr. Fraser, Guysborough.)

Bill (No. 65) respecting the British Columbia Southern Railway Company.—(Mr. Landarkin.)

Bill (No. 66) relating to the Canadian Power Company.—(Mr. Gibson.)

Bill (No. 67) to incorporate the Pilots serving between Quebec and Montreal.—(Mr. Guay.)

Bill (No. 68) respecting the American Bank Note Company.—(Mr. Belcourt.)

Bill (No. 69) respecting the Quebec, Montmorency and Charlevoix Railway Company.—(Mr. Langelier.)

Bill (No. 71) respecting the St. Lawrence and Adirondack Railway Company.—(Mr. Bergeron.)

Bill (No. 72) respecting the Lake Manitoba Railway and Canal Company.—(Mr. Richardson.)

Bill (No. 73) to incorporate the Kaslo and Lardo-Duncan Railway Company.—(Mr. Bostock.)

Bill (No. 74) to incorporate the National Life Assurance Company of Canada.—(Mr. Lount.)

GREAT NORTH-WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY.

Mr. RICHARDSON moved second reading of Bill (No. 70) respecting the Great North-west Central Railway Company.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Will the hon. gentleman explain to the House what this Bill is?

Mr. RICHARDSON. I understand that it is for the purpose of extending the time of the company's charter. I might also say that while my name appears on the Order paper as the mover of the Bill, I did not consent to move the second reading. A local barrister asked me to present a petition for it in the absence of the gentleman he had selected. I did so, and he came to me and asked me to move the second reading of the Bill. I demurred, but said I was willing to do so in order that the Bill should get before the Railway Committee, where it would be fully explained.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. Where is the railway?

Mr. RICHARDSON. Some fifty miles of it, I think, have been built, from a point near Brandon to Hamiota. It has been in litigation for a number of years.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I know now what it is.

Mr. DAVIN. I have received communications from my own constituency and other parts of the North-west, and also from Manitoba, pressing me strongly to oppose this Bill. I myself know nothing about the merits of it.

Sir CHARLES TUPPER. I think it had better go to the committee, where it will be threshed out.

Motion agreed to, and Bill read the second time.

WAYS AND MEANS—THE TARIFF.

Mr. CLANCY. Mr. Speaker, I am sure I shall be pardoned for asking the indulgence of the House for a very few moments, not with any hope of throwing any new light on the subject under discussion, but to offer my protest against the resolution, or a por-