The Hamilton Times.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1900. DEBATE ON THE WAR POLICY.

Sir Charles Tupper has shot off his gun, and while the recoil makes his shoulder ache, the bullet did no harm to the party at which it was aimed. The leader of the Opposition took exception to the statement in the Address that the entire people of Canada were loyal and devoted to the Queen and Empire. He desired to draw the line at Mr. Tarte and the Patrie newspaper. For his own part, he was not influenced by party considerations in his attitude with regard to the Transvaal war. He wanted Canada to pay the whole cost of the contingents, and he thought it a shame that the Government had hesitated about sending the first contingent, instead of tak-

ing action the moment war was de-

clared. It took Sir Charles three

hours to state those points.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that he felt it his duty to act with deliberation when Parliament was not in session, and there was no appropriation for the expenditure on the contingent. Without an assurance that the country approved of the expenditure he would not have been justified in sending the contingent at all. He quoted from speeches and written articles by Sir Charles in opposition to Canada taking any part in Britain's wars, and he pointed out that the action taken in the present emergency would not be a precedent compelling Canada to con tribute men or money in future wars Each case would be decided by the judgment of the Canadian people, constitutionally expressed. As for payment of the troops, Canada had not the deciding voice. The British Government preferred to pay all the soldiers in her service alike, so that there could be no jealousies, and n reproach upon any colony unable to pay. The policy of the Government was to add a sum in excess of the regular British rate of pay, which sum would be kept in reserve for the returned soldier, or used for the support of his family in his absence. Sir Wilfrid discussed the causes of the war, and found justification for the position in which Britain finds herself. But he made it plain that he was no jingo. The passage from his speech in which he described his own opinion of war we have taken from the report and give it here:

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Sr Charles had blamed him for being lakewarm in regard to the war; that he had not been enthusiastic. Sir, cried Sr Wilfrid, I have no hesitation in admitting that I was not enthusiastic for that war or for any war. I have no sympathy for that mad, dull-witted and short-sighted throng who clamored for war, who shouted "On to Pretoria," was supposed that fign for war, who shouted "On to Pretoria," who complacently prophested that Gen. Buller would eat his Christmas dinner in the capital of the Transvaal. War is the greatest calamity that can befall any nation, and if ever there was a calamitous war it is this one. The uncertainties of war must always make men shudder who take the responsibility of extension in the contraction. calamitous war it is this one. The unrertainties of war must always make
men shudder who take the responsibility of entering into it. Sir, I have no
hostation in admitting that I entertained a strong hope that the old historic associations which in the sivteenth and seventeenth centuries bound
together in Europe the butch race and
the English race would prove sufficiently powerful to keep the peace. I
strongly hoped that the Dutch and
English races, which have done so much
for civilization and for freedom, would
be able to patch up their differences in
Africa, and so continue their work of
civilization and freedom on that conthent. I deprecate war because I have
long been of the opinion, as a result
of the thought I have been able to
give the problems which now face the
British Government in Africa, that the
only solution of those problems is a
confederation of the Butch States and
the English States after the pattern
of our Canadian Confederation. I was
of the opinion that if, unfortunately,
war were to break out, as it has
broken out, that grand scheme would
inevitably be postponed, and, perhaps,
it might be forever killed. That was
the reason why I was not enthusiastic
for the war. That was the rosson I
did not move as hastily as my honorable friend would have me do. But the
moment it appeared to me that the
people of the Transvaal would not
grant the equal rights which British
subjects in that country had a right
to expect, then, sir, I felt no longer
any hesitation; my mind was made
up, because I saw there was nothing
eles to do but to prosecute the war to
the bitter end. to do but to prosecute the war to

According to Parliamentary custom, many of the members will talk about the South African situation before the debate is ended, but there is really little more to be said. The Government did the right thing, at the right time. Sir Charles cannot help his party by carrying out his threat to move a resolution in favor of Canada paying the whole cost. He cannot make vote, in the House or in the country, by condemning the Government for taking two days to decide a question which he pretends he would have de cided in two hours or two minutes. Quite likely Clarke Wallace or some other irresponsible will do what Sir Charles was careful to refrain from doing, that is, accude the whole French Canadian population of disloyalty to Britain. But there are men of that race in Parliament to uphold the opposite contention against an army of Clarke Wallaces. Be the debate long or short, the Government has nothing to fear.

Professional men have their little divergencies of opinion. Doctors differ; so do sheriffs and hangmen. Down at Sandwich the sheriff wanted the Steward hanging fixed for 5 a. m., but the luxurious and late-rising Radeliffe refused to exercise his "art" at such an unearthly hour. The Justice Department was consulted by wire, and the sheriff was given power to fix the hour. Then negotiations were opened with His Uppishness Radcliffe, with the result that he graclously agreed to throttle Steward at 6.20, and justice was allowed once more to limp along.

THE GHOST OF THE P. P. A.

The Times having expressed its belief that those who seek to disrupt our school system by substituting denominational schools are in bad busi ness, and having advocated the increasing rather than the diminishing of the unifying influence of the Public schools, the stupid old Spectator says

schools, the stupid old Spectator says:
What's up? It is not long since the
Times was wont to shout "P. P. A."
and "bigot" at men and journals
preaching that sort of doctrine. It is
not long since the Times was positive
that it would be "a breach of a solemn compact" to interfere with separate schools. What is the matter
now?

Times; the trouble is that the Spec. is too obtuse to see-or too dishonest to speak candidly of it-that the Times' course in the schools question is con sistent and logical. The Times would gladly see the Separate Schools merged in the Public school system, and all the youths of the country receiving education in one fold, provided that end could be reached with the consent and approval of those to whom our faith stands pledged for the schools of their choice. But, unlike the Spectator, the Times does not believe that it would be good morals or good policy to violate the Roman Catholic conscience, break the compact which we made, and while holding them to its terms deprive them by force of the advantages granted to induce them to accept the bargain. If we ever have a single great and successful school system in Canada, it will not be brought about by injustice, but by securing the confidence and will of those who are to take advantage of it. The Spec's P. P. A. bludgeor could never accomplish it, and the

Paul Kruger, of the Transvaal. There, the Outlanders were openly refused the privilege of voting. Though they paid nine-tenths of the Government revenue, they were allowed no voice in the expenditure. Here in Ontario, every man of 21 years of age has the franchise allowed him by law, but by various arts it is taken away from him.—London Free Press.

Free Press. If Adam Beck said any such thing his progress down grade must have been very rapid of late. But as evil associations corrupt good morals his association with the Tupperites would seem to have had a most de-leterlous effect on Adam if he is correctly reported. However, there are believers in his sanity who will hesitate to believe him guilty of such an absurdity.

What an Irishman Thinks About the Tories in Canada.

To the Editor of the Times:

Are many differences of opinion get the imperial statesmen reg the war, but on one point all to agree; it must be fought to iorious conclusion.

Fisher has been telling the corate that he invested the coldage system.—Mail and Empire.

Ir. Fisher, of course, never madely such chain, and the Mail knows and well.

Nottawasaga Township's dog tay pays only 41 cents on the dollar of the chains for sheep killed by dogs, the total of which is over \$1.000.

The township ought to welcome the separate poisoner.

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MR. SHEARER'S FAREWELL.

All Denominations Join in Wishing Him God Speed.

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Erskine Presbyterian Church was crowded last evening with members and adherents who had assembled to say good-bye to their retiring pastor, Rev. J. G. Shearer. Refreshments were served in the school room from 6.30 to 8.30 o'clock, and the programme was then carried out in the charch. There was quite a large deputation of the city clergy of different denominations present, and each had his quota of praise to add to all that had been said of Mr. Shearer. The speeches from Presbyterian, Baptist, Episcopation, Congregationalist and Methodist preacher alike, teemed with eulogistic references to the retiring clergyman, and words of counsel and comfort to the fourch about to lose such a loved and valuable pastor.

The most pleasing feature of the evening was introduced by Mr. James Gill, B. A., who in a pleasing manner presented the following address, beautifully engrossed and handsomely bound in a Morroco leather cover:

To the Rev. John G. Shearer, B. A.:

To the Editor, of the Times:

Dear Minister Editor,—I jist thought I'd write ye a piece in a letter, an' which a hope for the edgification iy' the Conservatives iy' Hamilton on the subject is' doings of the conservative party, and the unschulptuous-ness iv' the nhews men that folla it—for inshtants the Shpekita tor—that paper that purtends te claim the contributions iv' a femily nhewspaper iv' a few Hamiltonions: for it tells more lies than iver a heard in al' my loife since the time that the presented Adam with a little Cain (cane)—an' begorra that wis a good toime ago, Mhister Editor.

Now according it the Consarvitive perty they make the folks believe that the Grits ate thistles ive political meaness lake dhonkeys, because they thinks the Grits spend morey for the indhustrial devolopment iv the countre, an' becase they Grits dojustice hake that, they must be "asses." But begorra the rotteness they first adjusted hat the Countrie in debt for \$17, 100,000 on account iv' the McGreevy-Langevin an' the Curran Bridge scandid, and the Senacal's Commissions, an' ither things that no man knows, an' ither things that no man knows, and the Cuern's billin' te go into the "abeshent moinded beggars," it. Billy ta the sargent, "the divid a bit of me'll go to the sogers for a would run away before the enemy", but the couldn't make the Queen's shillin' te go into the "abeshent moinded beggars," it. Billy ta the sargent, "the divid a bit of me'll go to the sogers for a would run away before the enemy", but the couldn't make the Tories of Canada run no more than the base ball that Rebeces first invented when she brought the "pitcher" to the well. But we'll nive himmel iny more about that, an' don't we al' know that the Consarvitives in al' its hisbirty, pershonated, plugged, shruffed the ballot boxes ive al' the Dominson it Canada, an went so far as te box the ears of al' fromest people who would vate according the proposed of the congregation, then presented flowers.

Mr. Shearer, in admontal presents, was considerably attent

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when we find we have too many goods in any lines before inventory-taking we at once revise the prices, making such reductions as will speedily adjust the stocks to our liking. That explains the unusual Carpet values we have been offering this month, and is responsible for the special prices quoted below. These lines are particularly interesting because of the generous choice offered at each price, and because each lot is made up of new up-to-date designs.

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