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OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

(Special to GAZETTE.)

OTTAWA, July 21.—The session is over. The members who in mid-winter walked up the path to the opening between walls of snow, leave parliament hill smiling in mid-summer bloom. Only once since confederation has the session been so long, and that was in 1885 when the party then in opposition (the Conservatives) tried to make capital out of the Northwest Rebellion. This year we had a franchise bill also, and a war. But the opposition of to-day did not find it necessary to occupy more than half the time of the session, while in 1885 more than two columns out of three in Hansard were filled by opposition members. The government of to-day suggests rather than charges that the Liberal Conservatives have made the session long by obstruction. But there is only one method of obstruction possible, and that is by talk. An examination of Hansard will show that under ordinary circumstances the opposition side occupies more time than the government side. Yet that has not happened this year. In the debate on the address the government side offered more speeches than the opposition. In the budget debate the government party claimed the first word and the last. The first amendment to the finance minister's motion to go into supply was moved from the government side for the glorification of the government.

RELATED MINISTERS.

These estimates were weeks behind time. The budget speech was not delivered until the house had been nearly two months in session. The supplementary estimates for the year ending last June were not on the table until the twelfth month of the year for which they were voted, and some of them were not read until the year had expired. The house had been five months in session when Mr. Fielding brought in over seven million dollars of appropriations, embracing some eight hundred items, including ninety grants for one class of public works in one province. Still later Mr. Blair brought down his railway subsidy bill, involving certain obligations of three millions, and an ultimate outlay three times as large.

A TALKING GOVERNMENT.

Then the ministers were possessed with a perfect mania for talking about themselves and their achievements. Every vote asked for was the occasion of a stump speech, in which the speaker himself was eulogized. Mr. Fisher delivered an address in which it was made to appear that he invented the department of agriculture, discovered cold storage, created Professor Robertson, made the experimental farm, held the copyright on cheese, and a patent on butter, and had opened up the cattle trade with England. The little minister who found all the services and industries organized and who under the direction of Mr. Robertson has gone forward implicitly, though not humbly, in the way of his predecessors, spent several hours in showing the house that agricultural history began with him in 1896.

Mr. Blair, for three long hours, told how he had revolutionized the railway service, dealing in wild generalities to the general disparagement of his predecessors. It did not require nearly as much time under the cross examination of Mr. Foster, Mr. Haggart and Mr. Powell to show the house that the minister's statement, long as it was, omitted most of the essential facts of the comparison between his management and that of Mr. Haggart. When the examiners had got done with him it was pretty clearly established that Mr. Blair had secured his surpluses by borrowing money to pay the expenditure.

Mr. Borden spoke for some three hours about the work of his department, showing clearly enough that the militia owes much to the

administration of General Hutton, whom Mr. Tarte and Dr. Borden have driven out of the country. Mr. Mulock managed to fill in some hours showing how he had kept up the postal revenue while reducing the letter postage, but did not in all the period find time to mention the fact that he had obtained a large part of his money from jubilee stamps and newspaper postage. This is the first session in which each minister has made a budget speech about himself. These addresses are great for filling in time, but so far they are found to be ingeniously uninteresting.

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NOBLE BANDER TO HIS CHIEF.

Oh thou, the great patriarch of the "me and miners," who guardeth so well the exclusive interests of thy relations in this county, though art again, happily, returned. We confidently hope that thou hast some more boodle for the still hungry faithful on this occasion, and we know that thy generous heart will be moved to bestow that boodle on thy relations as heretofore. Thou art verily the great "I am" that maketh thy people, and bestoweth what may be left upon wobblers, and turncoats and political weather-cocks, of which last thou art thyself so noble an example. We know that thy statesmanship hath exhibited itself strongly in the selection of several grass green political advisors and confidants, whose statesmanship equalled that of the rat, donkey and mule, and we praise thee, that in the selection of thy favorites thou hast not entirely forgotten thy kith and kin. We praise thy great mind that loveth the gossip, that hath a keen ear for their suggestion, that listeth to the promptings of the conniver, and harkeneth to the profound statesmanship of the old woman. For this, thou still profounder statesman, do we praise thee, with thy great faith and greater foresight. We comprehendeth well that the only qualifications which thou hast demanded of thy appointees to office hath been "blood proximity" and political servility wobbling propensities. And we deplore, with thyself, the departures which, in some few instances, necessity obliged thee to make from such acceptable regulation. We pray they lose no time to obtain for us all the offices and boodles they canst, for the wicked of this county, the Tories and the Grits, hath united their strength against us, and it ill becometh our capacious maws not to call thy attention to the approaching doom, that thou mayest provide for us, somewhat, against the future. And we praise thee that gavest us the offices, and the boodle, and didst ignore and deceive the party that placed thee in power. We thank thee for so plainly exhibiting thy great hatred of the Grits, and the desire to revenge thyself upon the Tories, for we well know that thou art anathema with both these wicked sections. We thank thee for all the promises thou hast broken since thy election, for hadst thou lived up to thy previous declarations, our portion had been only ordinary. We heartily thank thee for thy frequent, though unsuccessful, attempts to cut the throats of the leading Liberals in this county, and thy endeavors to whip into position and bull doze others of lesser note. Thou hast, indeed, a noble and unsuspecting soul within thee, and we thank thee for making this known so often and so well. Lastly, we thank thee for thy treachery to the Tories, for thy treachery to the Grits, for thy utter non-fulfillment of thy pre-election promises, for thy absolute disregard of thy position—so far as the treatment

IN CHINA.

LONDON, Aug. 1.—The allies began the advance from Tien Tsin this morning," announced an agency bulletin dated at Shanghai at 11.10 a.m. to-day. It is assumed that the Americans, the British, and the Japanese are taking part in this forward movement whether other nationalities are or not. An advance base will probably be established twenty or thirty miles nearer Peking and supplies will be assembled preparatory to a stroke at the capital. Of the 60,000 allies detailed at Pei Chih ports English military observers consider that 30,000 are available for immediate advance beyond Tien Tsin.

The Chinese forces, according to the vague gathings of the allies' intelligence officers, up to July 27, were disposed in a great arc thirty miles long and distant fifteen miles. The numbers and exact location of the several divisions are unknown. The Pei Ho River is blockaded by sunken stone-laden junks for twenty miles beyond Tien Tsin, and further up, according to Chinese spies of the allies, a dam is being constructed for the purpose of flooding the low-lying expanse of the country.

The first engine of the relief expedition will probably be at Pei Tang, where the Viceroy of Yu Lu personally commands.

The following information was brought to Tien Tsin Wednesday, July 25, by a Chinese Missionary student, who was sent to the British Legation at Peking. He was unable to deliver the message entrusted to him, and left Peking July 18th. He saw a few troops between Peking and Yang Tsin. No works had been constructed. Food in Peking was scarce, and the city would be quite unable to endure a siege. Among the scraps of information brought by another courier who left Peking July 14th, was the fact that the General Ma, a notable Boxer chief, had been killed by the Legionnaires.

Shanghai telegrams of this date say the foreign consuls met yesterday and decided to invite Admiral Seymour (British) to take command of the Shanghai defenses. The United States consul-general, Mr. J. Goodnow, and the French consul-general, M. Debezaure, on behalf of the consuls visited Admiral Seymour and he promised to draw up plans and submit them to a council of officers. The Shanghai municipal council objects to the consular action.

The British second brigade has been ordered to embark at Hong Kong to form a flying column to serve anywhere in China.

Two more transports with Indian troops on board are due to arrive to-day. The customs officers at Canton have seized a Chinese junk which had rifles and much ammunition on board.

Coated

Look at your tongue. Is it coated? Then you have a bad taste in your mouth every morning. Your appetite is poor, and food distresses you. You have frequent headaches and are often dizzy. Your stomach is weak and your bowels are always constipated. There's an old and reliable cure:



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