

SLIGHTED SLIGHT STATESMAN.

Mr. Foster's Troubles at the Toronto Banquet—He Looks for War While Others Believe in Working for Peace.

An Ottawa dispatch says: The members of the Dominion Government are very angry at the results of the Toronto Board of Trade banquet on Thursday evening. The Minister of Finance could not conceal his chagrin at being called on to speak after a dozen persons of inferior positions, officially, and at such a late hour as 1 in the morning. He had in his pocket the notes of a carefully prepared speech on fiscal questions, but he told them that he would keep it till next year if they would bring him on earlier. The Empire of Saturday contained a leading article on the slight to Mr. Foster.

This was not the only thing, however, which grieved the Minister of Finance. A member of the New York Chamber of Commerce, apparently a Cleveland Democrat, the Hon. George Raines, was heard before Mr. Foster in a straight free trade speech, in which he told them that when the Wilson Bill, which contained many advantages for Canada was adopted the Ontario Government would find it incumbent on them to meet out to the United States as limited a measure as the United States was meting out to Canada. To hear the gospel of a tariff for revenue preached to Conservatives in Conservative Toronto by an American was not a palatable thing to the Minister of Finance, who actually took Mr. Raines to task for declaring that with extended commercial intercourse between Canada and the United States there would be no need to build up walls of defense or equip armies. Mr. Foster declared that commercial amity "is no certain guarantee against a rupture of peace." The visitor brought a Christmas message of peace and good-will, but Mr. Foster breathed horrid war, and refused to believe in perpetual peace except "under one flag." This is a rather dark outlook for peaceful Canadians who desire to remain under the old flag.

POISONED BY HAM AND EGGS.

A Dozen Cases Reported in a St. Louis Hotel.

St. Louis, Jan. 10.—Over one dozen persons were poisoned by eating ham and eggs at the Hotel Goddard the other morning. The matter was kept quiet until the symptoms of at least one of the victims became alarming. Among the victims is Nina, the Midway Plaisance dancer, who, with the rest of the troupe, has been stopping at the hotel. She is slowly recovering. Miss Anna Jackson, of Bowling Green, Mo., is in a precarious condition. She is in St. Louis for the purpose of studying shorthand. Everyone who ate the ham was taken sick, while those who ate the eggs were not. Miss Nunnally, a stenographer, had a narrow escape from death, and Miss Wine was taken violently sick. The case is mysterious and the only plausible explanation is that the ham must have been impure.

A NEW BRUNSWICK STORY.

The Remarkable Experience of a Husband and Wife—Their Story as Told in a Reporter.

Recently, says the Newcastle Union advocate, there came to the knowledge of his paper, the story of two residents of the town, Mr. and Mrs. Hamill, which was thought to be of sufficient interest to warrant publication, and a reporter was detailed to seek an interview. What he learned may be summarized as follows: For two years Mrs. Hamill had been in very poor state of health, steadily growing weaker until she was unable to do the necessary work about the house. Pains in her back and limbs, weakness, dizziness and other disagreeable symptoms troubled her. For some time she was under treatment of doctors, but they effected no improvement and she had given up hope of gaining her health. Having read of the cures effected by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills she decided to try them and did so, taking but a few boxes when a gradual movement seemed to be taking place. Pains in her back and limbs left her as the other unpleasant symptoms, and at present time she is as well as ever, and without feeling the tiredness and exhaustion of her former state.

Her recommendation her husband also made the use of Pink Pills. He had suffered from an attack of typhoid fever, the effects of which he did not recover from. His blood seemed to be watery, and he was weak and worn out. After taking a few boxes he felt a wonderful change. The feeling left him and he had a better appetite and enjoyed his food with a relish not had before. He continued the pills for some time and is fully restored to his old-time health and vigor.

A DANGEROUS SEASON.

At this season of the year old and young suffer from the effects of sudden colds and chills. Many have sore throat, hacking cough, hoarseness, enlargement of the tonsils and serious bronchial troubles. Such troubles should not be neglected; they demand immediate attention and care.

It is pleasing to note that many of our best physicians are advising the use of Harvard bronchial syrup as a cure for all such forms of colds. No other preparation known to medical men has ever given such delight and satisfaction. A few doses will banish any ordinary cough, hoarseness or sore throat, and a single bottle will do wonders for those who have been suffering for days and weeks. Harvard bronchial syrup has become popular, owing to its honesty and great curative properties. It never fails to do its work with the old or young. The children love it, owing to its palatableness and sweetness, and once used they will take no other. As a banisher of croup it has no equal in the world. Every home should be provided with a large 25-cent bottle. Harvard bronchial syrup has saved many a child's life.

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WESTERN ONTARIO.

BRANT.

There have been 516 appeals made in Brantford on the voters' list lodged with the city clerk. Of these the Liberals have 223, Conservatives 67 and P. A. 221.

ELGIN.

During the temporary absence of the family Saturday afternoon, thieves forced an entrance into the residence of Mr. Wm. Saywell, St. Thomas, ransacked the place from top to bottom, and stole \$3 from a bureau drawer.

ESSEX.

Timber men say there were never so many men employed in Essex logging camps as this year.

LAMBTON.

Railway officials on the Grand Trunk at Sarnia report freight business brisk but passenger traffic slackener than they can remember.

Dr. James Newell, of Detroit, has purchased the practice and prescriptions of the late Dr. L. Harvey, of Watford. Dr. Newell was a student of Dr. Harvey 26 years ago, and followed his profession for a number of years in Wyoming before going to Detroit.

Chief Windred, of Sarnia, in the course of his detective work in connection with the recent burglaries, succeeded in striking a clue which enabled him on Monday to recover several articles of jewelry which had been found and appropriated by grubbers in the ruins of the fire at the McAdams residence.

It is expected that Lord Aberdeen will formally open the Boys' Brigade Hall at Sarnia whenever it is ready. It is not expected to open till next spring or summer. On New Year's night the home of Thomas Johnson, of Walpole Island, was destroyed by fire and three of the children were burned to death. The rest of the family had a very narrow escape.

MIDDLESEX.

Mrs. James Donnan, for many years a resident of London township, died recently at prospect Hill, at the ripe age of 83 years. She was a native of Ireland and came to Canada in 1848. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Peter Sinclair, son of Dr. Sinclair, of Melbourne, preached in South Delaware and Tempe on Sabbath last.

OXFORD.

During last week R. A. Simister, Ingersoll, shipped 3,000 boxes of cheese from London and a like amount from Tilsonburg. All for the Liverpool market.

FERTHE.

Between 60 and 70 agents of the Singer Manufacturing Company were the guests of the manager at a banquet at the Albion Hotel, Stratford, the other evening.

HE READ DIME NOVELS.

Supposed Murder of Parents and Suicide by a Young Man.

MARIETTA, O., Jan. 10.—The triple murder of the Sauer family Monday night deepens in mystery. The son supposed to be missing was found in the ashes of the barn and fully identified by his watch and other articles, though burned beyond recognition. The father and mother reveal fearful mutilation by bullets and bruises. The evidence reveals a fearful struggle. The barn is about 400 feet away and there are some blood stains between the house and barn, as from bleeding wounds. There is a growing suspicion that the son killed his father and mother and then rushed to the barn, setting it on fire and killing himself. A pistol was found near him emptied. The family were well off and intelligent, and considered happy, but the son was an inveterate reader of yellow-backed literature. In the absence of a better clue the conviction is that he may have committed the deed.

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Liberal Tariff Platform.

We, the Liberal party of Canada, in convention assembled declare:

That the customs tariff of the Dominion should be based, not as it now is, upon the protective principle, but upon the requirements of the public service.

That the existing tariff, founded upon an unsound principle and used as it has been by the Government as a corrupting agency, wherewith to keep themselves in office, has developed monopolies, trusts and combinations;

It has decreased the value of farm and other landed property;

It has oppressed the masses to the enrichment of the few;

It has checked immigration;

It has caused great loss of population;

It has impeded commerce;

It has discriminated against Great Britain.

In these, and in many other ways, it has occasioned great public and private injury, all of which evils must continue to grow in intensity so long as the present tariff system remains in force.

That the highest interests of Canada demand a removal of this obstacle to our country's progress, by the adoption of a sound fiscal policy, which, while not doing injustice to any class, will promote domestic and foreign trade and hasten the return of prosperity to our people.

That to that end, the tariff should be reduced to the needs of honest, economical and efficient government.

That it should be so adjusted as to make free, or to bear as lightly as possible upon the necessities of life and should be so arranged as to promote freer trade with the whole world, more particularly Great Britain and the United States.

We believe that the results of the protective system have grievously disappointed thousands of persons who honestly supported it, and that the country in the light of experience is now prepared to declare for a sound fiscal policy.

The issue between the two political parties on this great question is now clearly defined.

The Government themselves admit the failure of their fiscal policy, and now profess their willingness to make some changes, but they say that such changes must be based only on the principle of protection.

We denounce the principle of protection as radically unsound and unjust to the masses of the people, and we declare our conviction that any tariff changes based on that principle must fail to afford any substantial relief from the burdens under which the country labors.

This issue we unhesitatingly accept and upon it we await with the fullest confidence the verdict of the electors of Canada.

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