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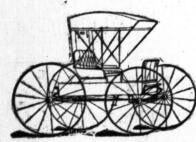
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Mr. Foster

DISSECTS AR. FIELDING'S BUDGET -OVER SIX MILLIONS FILCH-ED FROM THE PEOPLE.

Ottawa, March 28.-Mr. Foster's reply to Mr. Fielding's budget speech was an able effort. His contention was in brief that if the condition of fiscal affairs is particularly bright, it | 000 on these great constructions of the is due rather to circumstances of world-wide prevalence than to anything meritorious in the management of our financial affairs. Mr. Foster spoke for atout four and a balf hours, after which came the adjourn.

fielding's speech as a speech Mr. Foster went on to quote from the Liberal platform of 1893 and the speeches of Liberal leaders down to 1896 professions of the horror with which the party looked upon an expenditure of \$38,000, -000 a year, and a capinet of fourteen ministers, while Mr. McMullen railed gainst the institution of the depart. that this office should be retained in order to give a resting place to the Ontooker of the Cabinet, who has passed his period of active service. And how had those honorable gentlement their promises. To use the

men kept their promises? To use the plain words of Sir Richard Cartwright a opposition, this \$6,189,000 of ed reveuue last year was simply

FROM THE WAGE EARNERS, the farmers and the laboring classes \$1.16 per head of the population. These live millions more of customs and excise revenue meant \$1 per head from the people who were already bled white. While as to the surplus of \$4,837,000, it would have been the customs and the people who were already bled white. would have been the criticism of the Liberals that the Finance Minister had Liberals that the Finance Minister had no business with the surplus after he had taken sufficient out of the pockets of the people for the ordinary expenditure of the country. The average expenditure on consolidated fund account under the textrapaget? (Consequent) ture of the county penditure on consolidated fund account under the 'extravagant' Conservative under the 'extravagant' Conservative Government of 1892 to 1896 was \$37.-249,223. In 1897 it was \$38,000,000; in 1898 it was nearly \$39,000,000, and in 1899 it was \$41,903,502. Then as to the total expenditure—in 1892 it was \$42,272,136, in 1893, \$40,853,727; in 1894, \$43,700,223; in 1895, \$42,872,338; in 1896, it was \$41,702,383—an average of \$42,141,763. In 1897, the total expenditure rose to \$42,977,755; in 1998, \$45,334,281; in 1899, \$51,542,635, and the expenditure for 1896 included \$2,394,000, which Mr. Fielding tacked on for the North Shore Railway subsidy—at 1996, and that in 1896. the North Shore Railway subsidy—a debt incurred in 1892, and that in 1896, debt incurred in 1892, and that in 1896, and although it was charged up to the latter year ne defied the Finance Minister to say that he had paid off that liability yet The summation was that the Liberal-Conservative Government arent 2303 237 less per year from 1892 the Liberal-Conservative Government spent \$338,237 less per year from 1892 to 1896 than from 1887 to 1891, while the present government exceeded the average Conservative expenditure by \$330,992 in 1897; by \$3,192,518 in 1898, and by \$9,400,872 in 1899. Taking the total expenditure per head of the population it stood:—1895, \$8.41; \$896,\$8,14; 1897, \$8.28; 1898, \$8.63; 1899, \$9.72. Compared with the year 1893, when the Liberals railed against the extravagance of the Government, the consolidated fund expenditure in 1899 was \$5,089,448 greater, and the total expenditure \$10,689,108 greater. Thus had the Liberals kept their pledge and shown their appreciation of economy, and, worse still this year the revenue is to reach \$51,000,000—an increase of \$4. reach \$51,000,000—an increase of \$4,-400,000 over last year, and the expenditure is to be increased by \$1,500,000, (Ches.)

AN UNFAIR STATEMENT. Mr. Foster next dealt with what he

Coldy and Calmly termed the finance minister's unfair statement of additions to the debt, in comparing the additions during the 18 years from 1878 to 1896 with those of the past three years. It was during those '18 years that the country had spent \$65,000,000 on the C. P. R., whereas the present government whereas the present government spent just \$23,000,000 on that road in the poist three years; on canals, \$36,000,000, against \$9,300,000; on debts of the provinces, \$10,300,000, against \$260,000; on the I. C. R., \$20,500,000, against \$1,400,000; on the St. Lawrence channel debt, \$2,700,000, against nothing; on the North Shore Railway, \$2,396,000 against nothing; on territorial expenses, \$900,000 against nothing; on the Northwest rebellion, \$4,800,000, to nothing spent by them. Taken in all, the Conservatives had spent \$142,600,000, the conservatives had spent \$142,600,000, the conservatives had spent \$142,600,000, and the conservative had spent \$142,600,000, and the conserva other side of the ledger would show that they had taken but \$26,500,000 year in taxation, as against \$31,-000,000 taken on an average during the past three years and increased it by \$1,000,000 this year. At a similar rate of taxation the Conservatives add have added little or nothing to

And as for the surplus why in 1882 Sir Richard Cartwright, denouncing Mr. Tilley's surplus of \$4,000,000, said that \$1,100,000 was "derived from two of the most odious, oppressive taxes ever imposed in any civilized country—the taxes on breadstuffs and fuel." ment of trade and commerce as a "resting place for the balance of his life to
the honorable gentleman who now occupies the office, and who is drawing cupies the office, and who is drawing fore, Mr. Fielding boasted of his surplies, and who is drawing fore, Mr. Fielding boasted of his surplies, and who is drawing to the first will suppose, said Mr. Foster, who honorable gentleman now says of the first while office about the statement of the first will be statement. servative regime, it should be borne in mind that in 1891 the government in mind that in 1891 the government remitted sugar taxation to the a-mount of \$227,473; in 1892, to \$5,200,-000; in 1893, to \$1,000,000. Up to 1895 the sum of \$19,800,000 had been remit-ted. And, besides, in three years the present government had collected \$18,000,000 more from the people than had been taken in the three years had been taken in the three years preceding their accession to power.

Proceeding, Mr. Fosterscompared the ordinary expenditure of 1896 with that of 1899, showing increases of from 31-2 to 800 per cent, in every department of the public service, including an increase of 41-2 per cent, on superannuation and 800 per cent.

on superannuation and 800 per cent. on "trade and commerce." The TAXATION PER HEAD of the population is now as follows:—1892-95, \$8.41; 1896, \$8.14; 1897, \$8.28; 1898, \$8.63; 1899, \$9.12. As to the tariff 1898, \$8,63; 1899. \$9.12. As to the tariff rates, the highest year was in 1889, when it was 21.65 per cent; in 1890 it was 21.21 per cent; in 1891 it was 20.06; in 1892 it was 17.56; in 1894, 17.13 per cent; in 1895, 16.99 per cent; in 1896, when 4 he sugar duties were put back, it wis 18.28. Comparing 1899 with 1895 there was a reduction of 4.66 per cent there was a reduction of 4.66 per cent in taxation, which, on the basis of the imports of the latter year, meant a reduction of \$5,900,000. The reduction from 1896 to 1899 was 1.58 per cent—a reduction of \$2,435,000 found cent—a reduction of \$2,455,000 found on the imports of 1896. Taking the average rate of taxation it would be seen, that the reduction by the Libs-erals had been thirty-one hundredths

Mr. Foster then drew attention to the unfairness of the Minister of Cus-toms to include in our list of im-ports and exports some 23,000,000 bushels of American corn, mostly ports and exports some 23,000,000 bushels of American corn, mostly passing through Canada in transit to Europe. The value of that was \$8,966,025, and it was put down as "entered for home consumption," while in the exports it figured for \$6,362,683, and it was by adding this six millions of free goods that the average rate of duty was brought down to 16.70 per cent., whereas it should be 17.36 per cent. as against 18.23 per cent. in 1896—a reduction of duty of ninety-two one hundredths of one per cent., equivalent to \$1,417,000, as compared with 1896, and not \$3,017,000, as claimed by the Finance Minister. In 1896 the average rate of duty on goods from Great Britain was 30.20; in 1899 it was 29.62 per cent., or just fifty-eight one hundredths of a reduction under the preference was to swallow up the decimal. But how arrantly foolish to declare that it was because they came into power in 1896 that trade had increased since. Sir Richard Cartwright in Massey Hall, declared the increase

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\$82,000,000, but the correct increase of our trade was the imports for home consumption and the exports of home consumption and the exports of nome produce. On this basis the imports are about \$44,000,000 greater than in 1893, and the exports of home produce are \$27,600,000 greater—a total increase of real trade of \$71,700,000, and taking out the carn which goes and taking out the corn which goes out of the country, it reduces the figures to \$64,000,000, the correct gain of 1899 over 1895—a gain that any government and the countr might be proud of. But the differ might be proud of. But the difference in value ought to be taken into account as well as the difference in volume. According to Bradstreet's register of prices here had been a falling off in values a staples of 47 per cent, between 1890 and 1895, so that trade of the latter year at the prices of 1890 would be not \$203,504. 395, but \$299,150,000. In 1899 the prices were 17 per cent, higher, or \$34,700,700, on the trade of 1895, bringing it up to \$238,000,000; so that the increase of trade for 1899 would be brought down to \$30,700,000—still a magnificent growth and one of be brought down to \$30,000,000—still a magnificent growth and one of which Conservatives "were proud. The increases of experts of produce of mines, of animals, agriculture, forests and manufactures in 1899, as compared with 1893, was \$27,680,000. Wouldn't have been a dollar less if the Conservatives had been in power? Certainly off. Then why make tainly not. Then why make

A HUSTINGS SPEECH and call it a budget to try and make the people of the country believe otherwise. For six months believe otherwise. For six months of the current year there had been a great falling off in value of exports. How was it the Government had permitted this? And was it not an evidence that unless legislation were totally wrong and pig-headed, governments had little to do with increasing or retarding trade. Taking the ng or retarding trade. Taking the of the farmer, it found that prices of what he had to sell had depreciated, while the values of what he had to buy, had increased. In support of this contention, Mr. Foster read a list of the prices of Foster read a list of the prices of a great many articles an 1895, 1898 and 1899. The conclusion was that if the farmer to-day was enjoying prosperity it was not because less taxation was imposed upon him under present financial (egislation, nor because he was getting higher prices, but because he was getting a ready price and was raising larger quantities, and in many respects a better grade of stuff for the market. As to the trade with Great Britain, there was a strong divergence of ex-As to the trade with Great Britain, there was a strong divergence of expressed opinions between the two political parties. The Liberals took the ground that the added trade with Great Britain was due to the prefer-Continued on Fifth Page.

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