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FIFTEENTH YEAR

THE DEBATE ON THE TARIFF.

HON. CLARKE WALLACE REPLIES ABLY TO GARRIE.

Charlton Condemns the Tariff and Meets More Than His Match in Hon. J. F. Wood - McMillen Had Because Not Consulted - Fifty Members Present to Speak - Many Notes of Motion.

OTTAWA, March 29.—Hon. Clarke Wallace rose at 3:40 to continue the debate on the Budget. Devoting himself for a moment to the speech of the member for Brant (Mr. Patterson) last night, he quoted from The Hansard to show that the information the gentleman had professed to be so anxious to have had been furnished by the Minister of Finance the night before. He said the speakers on the Opposition had not attempted to criticize the proposed changes, but had contented themselves with abusing the Government and attacking the Conservative party had a policy, and had stuck to it for 15 years, but the Opposition had no policy except a shifting series of commercial union, and a restricted free trade and discrimination against Great Britain. He quoted from the speeches of the member for South Brant to show that he had promised to raise his voice in the House in the Budget debate, but although his voice had been raised often it had been raised in an attack on protection.

He attacked at length the question of the conditions of the country and showed that there was no ground for the contention of the Opposition that the country was not prosperous, and in this connection he quoted from bankers and other impartial witnesses to show that the opinion of those best qualified to judge of the condition of Canada, and especially the farming community, were prosperous and were not loaded down with mortgages. The Opposition represented. He quoted from the agricultural reports of the Ontario Government in 1892, compared with 1893, to show that while the value of farm lands had decreased only 2 1/2 per cent, farm buildings had increased 45 per cent, implements 40 per cent, and the increase of value in farm property in 10 years had been \$97,000,000, and he challenged the Opposition to name any article of produce which showed so great an increase. Certainly it was not in cottons or woollens or any other manufactures.

Markets for Farm Produce. Turning to the tariff resolutions, he said that by the offer of the free trade, the country had shown every disposition to deal fairly with the United States in the matter of reciprocity. We had the great markets for our farm products in the United States and Great Britain. The trade with the latter was growing constantly, while that with the former it was decreasing. In 1878 the trade in farm produce to the United States was \$13,000,000 and to Great Britain \$10,000,000. In 1892 the trade with the United States in farm produce had decreased to \$8,000,000, while that with Great Britain had increased to \$12,000,000. He gave a quantity of statistical information with regard to the trade in animals and their products, etc., to show that the trade, especially during the past four years, has been increasing enormously, while that with the United States had been decreasing. This was especially noticeable in articles which the McKinley bill was intended to affect. He denied that there was any discrimination against Great Britain in the tariff. It was true that on account of the quantity of free goods imported for manufacture, such as cottons, woollens, etc., the total import was somewhat lower from the United States than from Great Britain, from whence we had received more than 50 per cent of our manufactures. In conclusion he claimed that the promise of the Premier made in the Budget speech of the tariff had been amply redeemed, and that the country could only continue to be prosperous by an adherence to the policy of protection.

Charlton Condemns the Tariff. Mr. Charlton followed, claiming that the concessions made by the Government had been fixed for them by the Opposition. He thought the Government had had a great opportunity of making reciprocal proposals to the United States and to Great Britain for half an hour after in general condemnation of the tariff and in support of the tariff. He said that the Opposition, while continually finding fault with the policy of the Government, had not offered any practical suggestion to aid in forming a tariff, but that they had sought to offer to him the tariff which would remain in opposition. Mr. Wood briefly referred to the prospects of the business being created in Canada and passed on to speak of the reduction in interest on farm mortgages since the introduction of the A.P. He gave a number of statistics as to our relative trade with the States and Great Britain, closing with a reference to the total oil duty and the alleged "cottons."

McMillen Criticized Because Not Consulted. Mr. McMillen followed at great length, criticizing the action of the Government in taking the advice of the Premier and in instead of members of Parliament, who were the proper advisers of the Government. He thought that the "depression" which existed in Canada was caused by the Minister of Finance announcing a year ago that there would be a revision of the tariff. He has since moved the adjournment of the debate and the House adjourned at 11.

The Debate Will Last All Next Week. The debate on the Budget continued Monday by Hon. Clarke Wallace, Mr. Charlton, Hon. J. F. Wood and Mr. McMillen and

EXPLOSION OF A GAS MAIN

IN A PARIS STREET TERRIFIED THE CITY.

An immense Chasm Torn in the Roadway—Three People Seriously Injured—Police Had Difficulty in Assuring the People It Was Not An Anarchist Bomb.

PARIS, March 29.—A gas main exploded in Place du Louvre this afternoon. An immense chasm was torn in the roadway and hundreds of windows smashed and buildings within a radius of 800 yards were shaken by the shock.

Three persons who were crossing the square at the time of the explosion were thrown to the ground and were seriously injured. The report that an anarchist had exploded a bomb spread rapidly in every direction, and great crowds were soon surging down the street leading to the square.

All were excited and the police had much difficulty in calming them and convincing them that the explosion was purely accidental.

The Attorney-General's Department has been requested to aid the authorities of Victoria County in securing the arrest of Robert H. Coyle, who recently fled from Manilla, leaving several thousand dollars' worth of forged notes with the banks in London and vicinity, and who is presently believed to be in Mexico.

Among the sufferers were: Edwards & Co., who hold \$200 worth; the Standard Bank about the same amount; J. G. Sunderland, between \$500 and \$1000 worth, and the banks at Uxbridge and Lindsay are also reported to have holdings of the same kind. Coyle, Messrs. H. G. Gledinning, A. Edwards, L. Carmichael and Miss McDonald were some of the names which Coyle forged on the notes.

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WAS MRS. ACKERMAN MURDERED?

Found With Her Head Severed From Her Body - An Alleged Blood-Smeared Carpet - Discoveries.

The Attorney-General's Department will be asked to investigate a sensational tragedy which occurred in Prince Edward County a few days ago, and which may prove to be a murder.

While Mr. and Mrs. George Sills, Ackerman, were attending a party their brick residence at the head of South Bay was burned to the ground. Mr. Sills' aged mother perishing in the flames. The origin of the fire is as far unknown as the house being heated by a coal stove and everything considered safe. The deceased lady, Mrs. Ackerman, was not in the house when she was killed.

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The Attempt of the Anti-Sunday Car Men to Deprive 15,000 Young Men of Their Votes Overwhelmingly Defeated in the Private Bills Committee—Some Strong Language Used.

The Sunday car bill was again taken up by the Private Bills Committee yesterday morning, in order that the promoters of the bill might urge certain alterations.

Mr. O'Meara, on their behalf, asked that the definition of the word "citizens" should be eliminated, and made a lengthy statement to show that the intention of the agreement between the city and street railway company had been to confine the vote on this question merely to ratepayers. His remarks were heard with ill-concealed indignation by the large majority of the committee.

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FOUR MEMBERS FOR TORONTO.

How It Is Proposed to Cut Up the City in the New District Bill.

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