

TARIFF NEXT TUESDAY

The Earliest Date at Which It Can be Brought Up.

Mr. Charles Tupper Also Pointed Out the disastrous results of leaving the tariff in an unsettled condition. Mr. David Belliver, some Caucus Remarks about the Government's Policy—The House in Supply Good Progress Made with the Estimates and an Adjournment shortly after midnight.

Ottawa, May 18.—(Special).—In the House this afternoon Mr. Fielding introduced the statement that the tariff would be taken up next Tuesday, May 23. This was the earliest date on which the tariff could be considered in committee.

Mr. Foster expressed his regret at the delay. He held that the Government has simply been wasting time for a fortnight since the budget debate. The estimates could not go through until the principal measure of the session had been dealt with. If the Government had been dealing with the tariff, it would not find its expectations realized. There were many elements of doubt in the tariff itself, and apparently the Ministers themselves were still in a state of uncertainty. Meanwhile the business of the country was being carried on from hand to mouth. Manufacturers and traders were anxious to have the matter settled as soon as possible. They wanted the financial conditions of the country reduced to a state of certainty as soon as the Ministers were able to reduce themselves to that state. (Laughter and "Hear, hear.")

Mr. Fielding, in reply, could not agree with the proposition that business people desired the tariff settled at once. On the contrary, they were rather anxious that their representations should receive favorable and careful consideration. He twitted the ex-Finance Minister with declining to challenge a vote on the tariff bill and charged that Mr. Foster did not hurry through his tariff of 1894. Only a few days after the commencement of last session Mr. Foster had demanded that the Government should produce its tariff. The hon. gentleman was altogether unreasonable.

Sir Charles Tupper pointed out that uncertainty had existed since last June, and it was time to end it. The late Government, after 1878, never changed the principle of the tariff, and the commercial community always understood that its principle would be maintained. But there was neither free trade nor protection about the new tariff. The Government claimed to be the chief aggregation of statesmen which ever sat on the Government benches, and had declared that it would revolutionize the tariff, but were taking more time over it than any Government in any country. Mr. Craig repeated the statement in the Toronto Globe that the Opposition were delaying public business. The whole of last Friday was lost through the action of a Liberal member. (Mr. Craig) held that the Government should declare their contemplated tariff changes without further delay and predicted that they would restore the tariff pretty much to its old figures.

Mr. Davin, in a speech full of hot shot, said the Government had demonstrated that a parcel of political quacks had come into power. If Mr. Foster had moments of weakness Mr. Fielding had a succession of fainting fits. (Laughter.) The Government had been playing a policy of double. They had even bamboozled John Bull, but John Bull would find out Mr. Chamberlain's not the constant virgin he supposed, that she was going to pin her favors on the German eagle, the French blouse or the Austrian coat.

Mr. Davin then referred to the question of the Western grain standards, about which he said there was still much discontent and dissatisfaction. He asked the Controller of Inland Revenue to name a committee to investigate this question. The House then went into committee of supply on the excise vote. Sir Henri Joly, replying to Mr. Wood, said his department was doing its utmost to put down illicit liquor dealing in the Province of Quebec.

Mr. Casgrain charged that the law was not being equally applied to offenders. Poor men were being prosecuted with the utmost rigor of the law, while a man of means, named George Vienne of Quebec, who was caught red-handed in running an illicit still, had been allowed to go scot-free.

Sir Henri Joly said there were reasons, as set forth in contradictory communications in the department, which had led to the course adopted in regard to Vienne. The case had originated under the late Government.

Mr. Wood, replying to the subject of the tariff, assured his successor that the increase would encourage smuggling and illicit distilling.

Sir Henri observed that the increase in the item under consideration was largely due to his disposition to dismiss an official of long standing, while at the same time desiring to protect the revenue. As to the case of Vienne, Sir Henri wanted to know why Vienne had not been prosecuted by the previous Administration.

Hon. Mr. Foster contended that the law was not being equally applied to offenders; nevertheless, the item went through and Sir Henri was left off lightly with the remainder of his estimates.

On the vote of \$16,750, reduced from \$17,000, for cutting timber, Sir Henri Joly, in reply to Mr. Wood, said that the transportation of timber by rail necessitated the retention of a cutter at Montreal, hence he was unable further to reduce the appropriation.

Col. Donville came in for a roast on the next item, that for \$13,150 for weights and measures.

Mr. McCherney quoted from the petition signed by Mr. Donville against the superannuation of W. B. Scoville, Inspector of Weights and Measures, and a brother-in-law of the Colonel's.

Col. Donville protested against the quotation of newspaper articles against a member of the House.

Sir Henri Joly explained that Mr. Scoville was 72 years of age and was removed to make way for a younger man. The item went through, but the Controller struck another snag in the vote for the salary of the Commissioner of Inland Revenue. Mr. McMillen proposed to reduce it by the \$800 paid to Mr. Miall as Commissioner of Standards.

Mr. Davies, who was leading the House, made a vigorous defence of the Commissioner, pointing out the importance of his duties and the fact that he was appointed to office by the Mackenzie Government and was eminently entitled to his salary of \$3000. Mr. Davies would like to have the amendment of Mr. McMillen withdrawn. Mr. McMillen would only consent to withdraw on condition that the Controller

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ler would consider the reduction during the recess. But the Controller held that if the salary was a statutory provision—Thereupon ensued a scene of some excitement, yells of "Now, back down!" "Take it all back," greeting the member for North Wellington from the Opposition benches.

Finally Mr. Chairman Brodeur put the question to the committee, and declared Mr. McMillen's amendment duly lost.

At this a dozen members, some on the Opposition side and others on the back benches of the Government side, arose and demanded a vote, which the Speaker did not seem inclined to take. A lively time ensued. Major Hughes observing that Mr. Deputy Speaker was not going to work any Car Reed's tricks in the House.

This protest was also joined in by Messrs. Macdonnell (Selkirk) and Henderson, and Mr. Davin moved an appeal from the hon. gentleman's ruling. Mr. Davies, by way of restoring peace, suggested that the latter motion might be made to read that the Commissioner's salary be reduced by one dollar, namely, to \$700, for Commissioner of Standards. Mr. Frothingham seconded the motion, which was defeated by 52 yeas to 37 nays.

Good progress was made with the estimates until 12:40 a.m., when the committee rose and the House adjourned.

THE UPPER HOUSE.

Senator Prowse Wanted to Know About an "Innocent Member" Who Charged Five Per Cent. a Day Interest.

Ottawa, May 18.—(Special).—In the Senate this afternoon Sir Oliver Mowat introduced a bill respecting the Supreme Court, the object being to confirm certain restrictions with regard to appeals from Ontario to the Supreme Court, as enacted in a bill passed at the last session of the Local Legislature of Ontario. The bill practically sanctions the provisions of the local enactment restricting appeals. Another clause compels judges of the High Court or Court of Appeals in Ontario to reside in Toronto, or within five miles thereof. Owing to the existence of some doubt as to whether it had jurisdiction to pass this legislation, the Local Legislature had refrained from placing this residence restriction on the statute book.

Senator Prowse called attention to a paragraph in The Citizen, stating that Sir Oliver Mowat had been induced to introduce a bill preventing the collection of exorbitant interest by creditors of one of the Quebec courts, allowing a man named Lafortune to collect interest at the rate of 5 per cent. a day, and that this same Lafortune was the man appointed by Sir Oliver to a position on the Quebec Bench. He brought the matter up in order to give the Minister of Justice an early opportunity of denying that such an appointment had been made in the public service.

Sir Oliver said he would make enquiries and inform the House later. Senator Bernier will call attention to an interview with the Senator-General, published in one of the Montreal papers, in which he is credited with expressing satisfaction with the result of the local election in Quebec and expresses the conviction that the school question is buried forever as a result. Mr. Bernier wants to know if the Senator-General really did say what was attributed to him, and if so, whether that language represents the policy of the Government on that question, and whether the Government considers the result of the election in Quebec had anything to do with the temper of the people of that province on the school question.

Matters in Wall-Street. New York, May 18.—The Evening Post says: There was general improvement in the stock market to-day, although the advances which were made had little significance as far as the market was concerned. The movement was concerned. The irregular and in the main, unimportant fluctuations in the earlier trading were in the highest degree typical of the state of feeling which the market prevails among the people who regularly or casually resort to Wall-street. It was a market in which even the professionals undecided as to the proper course to adopt. In the recovery the stronger shares were most prominent, but the cool stocks also showed much strength, which was distributed pretty generally throughout the list.

TORONTO MARKETS. Flour—The flour market is quiet, with prices weaker, there being little or no demand. Straight rollers are quoted at \$3.00 to \$3.05.

Wheat—Trade quiet, with bran quoted at \$2.50 west, and shorts at \$2.50 to \$2.55. Wheat—Bran quiet, and the feeling weak owing to lower cables and decline in Chicago. Red winter is quoted at 72c west and white at 74c. No. 1 Manitoba hard 74c. The feeling for Portland and 74c to 75c. No. 2 hard 76c to 77c. No. 3 hard 78c to 79c.

Barley—The market is quiet, with limited demand. No. 1 is quoted at 22c. No. 2 at 21c, and No. 3 extra at 20c. Feed barley sold at 21c to 22c west.

Oats—The market is quiet, with prices unchanged. Sales of white at 21½c, middle freight. Mixed are quoted at 21c west. Peas—The market is steady, with car lots quoted at 45c north and west.

Onion—The market is quiet and prices steady at \$2.50 to \$2.55 for car lots. Corn—Trade quiet and prices steady. Cars are quoted at 22c west.

Hay—Trade quiet and prices easy. Car lots are sold at 22c west.

TORONTO LIVE STOCK MARKET. Yesterday was the largest market in years, there being no less than 102 car loads of live stock. The following were the principal items: 1000 cattle, 125 calves, 75 sheep, 60 spring lambs and 1200 pigs. There was a large number of export cattle, but business was dull as just at present it is impossible to get shipping space. It had been taken up on all the steamers going out this week.

Quite a number of cattle will have to remain over.

J. B. Shields shipped two cars of export cattle, one of which contained 18 head of the best cattle that have left Toronto this season. The following were the principal items: 1000 cattle, 125 calves, 75 sheep, 60 spring lambs and 1200 pigs.

By the G.T.R. the following shipments of cattle to Montreal were made: J. Eakin, 1 car; Brown & Mullins, 4 cars; A. C. James, 2 cars; Mr. Quintal, 1 car; A. Carey, 1 car; W. Luncheon, 1 car; Mr. Mayhew, 1 car; Mr. Halligan, 1 car. Montreal, one of which went to Ottawa, and all the rest to Montreal.

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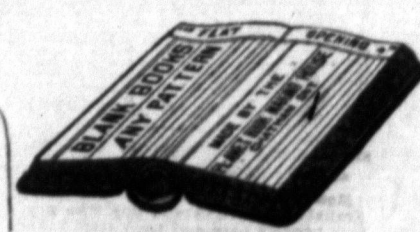
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