

FIELDING'S SURPLUSES vs. FOSTER'S DEFICITS

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Campaign Opened

Liberals Fire First Shot in Dominion Election Contest at Cedar Hill.

Irrefutable Arguments Forcibly and Convincingly Put Forth.

Cedar Hill was on Wednesday evening the scene of the opening meeting in the campaign, which on the 7th of next month is to decide who the representatives of Victoria district shall be in the Dominion House of Commons.

Mr. Strachan was appointed to the chair, and, after a few brief remarks, called on J. A. Grant to address the meeting. The latter claimed no merit as a speaker, but desired to make a few comments on the past and present administration.

Mr. Drury, one of the Liberal candidates, made a very telling impression, speaking smoothly, earnestly and convincingly—not only breaking the ice, as one farmer put it, but making a hole plenty large enough in which to swim.

Mr. Drury then drew attention to the enormous increase in trade during the Liberal regime. In 1896 he remembered having been in Ontario, and of having seen on placards posted up here, there and everywhere, pointing to the ruin which would overtake the country if the Liberals got into power.

Dominion. Referring to the preferential tariff, he showed how the Conservatives vigorously opposed the measure, and, for all that, the Mail and Empire, the big Conservative organ of the party of the East, was now pointing to its benefit.

Touching next on departmental matters, the speaker referred to the big deficit in the post office department, when Mr. Mulock took charge—the department was running itself. That gentleman, however, was a man of strong intellect, and of business ability, and when he applied himself to his new sphere of work he soon afterwards discovered and a sample of this kind of thing the speaker instanced, where a man was being paid \$1,000 a year for moving the mail between two trains, one on either side of a track.

The Intercolonial railway in 1896 was looked on as a white elephant. It was thought that it was never going to pay. The road was made a feeder for the C. P. R. Years ago one could see a C. P. R. train leave a station loaded and empty, although better equipped. But now the Intercolonial was pinching the C. P. R., and he was glad to be able to point to the road as a source of revenue, which in turn would result in a reduction of the railway policy of the government.

On being called on, T. W. Paterson said he felt as if under false colors. Mr. Riley, the Liberal candidate, who was not present, had been called away to Vancouver, and not being able to return in time for the meeting had asked the speaker to come and represent him.

for an all-Canadian road is still tariff, and there was a possibility that the road would be built, from some point in the East, as wherever the greatest interest to the people as a whole were at stake there would be found the Dominion government working for it.

Senator Templeman took up the question of what the government had done for British Columbia, showing that in their four years of office they had built the Crow's Nest Pass railway, the Yukon telegraph line, improved the navigation of the Coast by the addition of lights, erected public buildings in Vancouver, Nelson and Albermarle, and in fact had given to the province everything that had been asked for.

AT THE TROITSA MONASTERY. If we would see what is really at the root of the Russian national character, the actual nature of the peasant, it is not even in Moscow that it must be sought, but in such a place as Sergievo, and on such an occasion as the annual pilgrimage to the Troitsa Monastery, on the day of the Assumption.

In order to permit Count von Walderssee to ascertain the provision which had been made for the protection of Shanghai by the leading powers, it was arranged to inspect the troops forming the garrison and the volunteers.

The falling dream. What is the stuff of which dreams are made? The question runs through an article that Mr. H. G. Hutchinson has in Longman's. Take the form of dream where you find you are falling over a precipice or down the stairs.

The Chilean ministerial crisis has been solved by the formation of a new cabinet, as follows: Premier, Senor Elias Albano; minister of foreign affairs, Senor Manuel Aylas; minister of justice, Senor Emilio Godoy; minister of finance, Senor Ramon Santalices; minister of war, Senor Ricardo Perez; minister of industry, Senor Raffel Origo.

Imposing Spectacle

Review of Allied Troops at Shanghai by Count von Walderssee.

Indian Troops Eclipsed All in Splendor—More About the Plague.

In one of the Oriental exchanges received by R. M. S. Empress of Japan yesterday an interesting account is given of the arrival at Shanghai of Field Marshal Count von Walderssee, and the subsequent review of the allied troops by the distinguished commander-in-chief.

An immense crowd awaited the arrival of the tender, among the prominent persons present being Dr. Knapp, consul-general, and Dr. Schmitzer, consul for Germany, and several other notable people.

The field marshal, as he stepped ashore was evidently tired by the tedious voyage up river, but with the fine instincts of a true soldier he returned the compliment paid to him by walking down the whole length of the long line as if he were reviewing the troops.

At a quarter-past eight the march past began, the Germans being first, the French next, and the British last.

HUGH JOHN'S PATRIOTISM. Since most agricultural implements come from the States, Hugh John's plan of admitting them free is part of the Tupper plan for building up the Empire.

Preliminaries Completed

Railway Counsel and Aldermen Complete the Great Northern Draft Agreement.

Rental of the Market Building Reduced to Twenty-Five Years.

The city council resumed its conference with Mr. Bodwell, representing the Great Northern railway, in the committee room of the city hall this morning.

The Osaka city authorities have voted for yen 2,500 to yen 3,000 to meet the cost of measures to stamp out the plague in Funadochi.

The sum of \$7,500 was settled upon tentatively as the sum to be paid to the city to partially reimburse it for the removal of the fire hall now in the market building.

THE DANONING OF SISTER CALINE. Frank L. Stanton. Br'er William play deiddle—Sister Caline hoppin' light.

SCORE ONE FOR THE PREFERENCE. Gilbert Parker, the Canadian novelist, comparative stranger in England, defeated Alfred Harmsworth, the millionaire proprietor of the London Daily Mail, at the Gravesend election yesterday.

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