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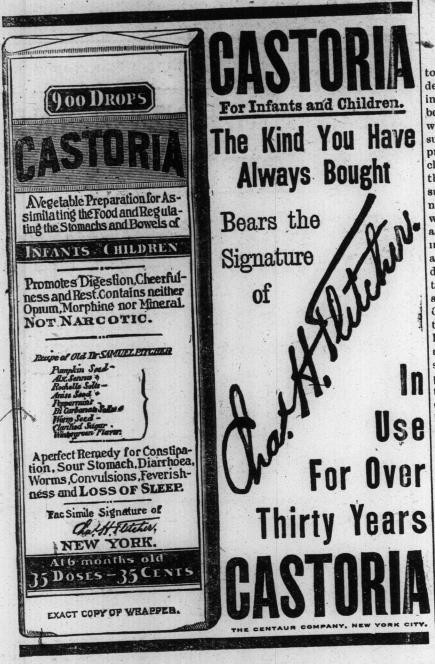
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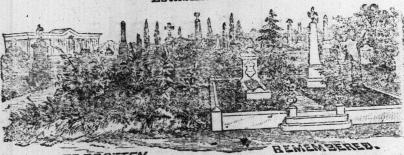
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Monday, March 10th. Hon. Mr. Knowling .- It is a pleasure o hear the way this subject is being lealt with. I did not sign the Address in Reply to His Excellency's Speech, because there are so many things with which I could not agree. One is the subject which have been dealt with by previous speakers. I see by the fourth clause in his Excelleney's Speech that the duty has been taken off tea, sugar, pork and beef. Well, that is no more than ought to be done. That we were promised four or five years ago, and it is most surprising to me, indeed, it is more than surprising, it is great shame that this has not been done before. To me it has too much the appearance of a death bed repentance. We have served our time, the Government think, and must do something to make up for past promises. If they are returned they will have to make the deficit from some other source of revenue, and if the other party get into power they will have to fight their own battles, and sink or swim. It is right enough to make living cheaper for the working classes or fishermen. Anything that is done to alleviate their condition and improve their circumstances, is perfectly right

and justifiable. Four years ago we were asked to ote four million dollars for railway branch lines, and we were led to suppose at the time that amount would pay for them. Last year it was found that very little had been done on branch lines, and we were asked for wo more to complete them. It is generally supposed that that amount will not be enough and it is a question if another two million dollars or more may not be required. I said two years ago, that million would not be enough or the proposed lines, but that eight nillions would be needed, and I am

Hon. Mr. Gibbs-Mr. President, the hon, gentleman (Mr. Knowling), in his attempted criticism of the Speech rainstorms of the past and of a probable recurrence of them n the future, seems not to have forgotten the storms of four years ago, which swept himself and friends from power, and is apparently preparing for another, which will take place next autumn. Which of the parties now seeking for the honor of opposition to the government he will likely be in when the storm bursts again with its old time fury, he does not enlighten the House, because I very

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th hon. member says he cannot end the Government for what they have done. In reply, I may say that Government, Meresident, is to do the Government is not looking to him or his associates for commendation. They seek it at the hands of the peothe benefit of thresent reduction in ple, and I have no doubt that when the Government do appeal to the neople in November next, they will receive from the polling booths commendation and appropriation of the policy pursued the past four years. The hon, member's memory must enchasing the artis, would he not take advantage of thicrease and add it to the price of the ticle upon which he Hon. Mr. Krling.-I am not so sure he would. what other people do by his own

Hon. Mr. Gib.-A revision of the tariff took place 1898, under which increases and creases were made; the persons whhad goods in their stores at the tin which were affected by the alteratio, had to put up with the consequenc, but they got the benefits of the ireased taxation upon he will find that the Governor stated such articles anthe consumer had to pay the piper. Hon. Mr. Kiwling. That is not

following fall, as follows: 'It affords me special gratification to announce the case. that the highly satisfactory condition Hon. Mr. Gbs.-I beg the hon. of the finances of the Colony, will member's pardo There were increases as well as red tions in taxation at admit of an alteration in the tariff, whereby the principal articles necess the time. A red tion went into effect upon tea and sur, and stocks had to bear their losses Take Canada for inary to the support and comfort of the ishermen and laboring classes, will be placed upon the free list. In a few stance. Suppos for argument sake, a reduction was about to take place days the Minister of Finance and Customs will table resolutions in relation graph office word be taken possession of by the Government the hight before the announcement would be made, and to the tariff, under which flour, moasses, kerosene, will then be admitted into the Colony free of duty. This annum, and therefore, I am quite sure

or an industry about to be started. The duty on the articles to be manufactured is increased, or some other concession is given. The consumer, who has to pay the price of protection, does not grumble about it, but cheerfully accepts the altered state of affairs, and that is what every industry started in this country means to the consumer. He has got to pay the bill, and bear the loss. Now, why should not those interested in the trade, in the same

cheerful spirit, bear their losses.

This reduction is not meant for the benefit of those who hold stocks of sugar and other goods affected by the change. It is for the great masses of our people—those who toil. The hon

nember says that the public forget favors they have received, and no loubt urges this as a reason why notice should have been given everybody that this decrease was to take place at a later date. Suppose that notice was given that on a certain date one month or more, decreases in the duties upon tea, sugar, pork and Published by beef were to take place. What would appen? No dealer would import. Every business man would hold the east possible in stock of those goods, fearing that they would not be able to dispose of those before the reduction came into force. The result would be that after a very short time there would be a great scarcity and owing to the peculiar climatic conditions of the country many would suffer, instead of as now, the fewest in number; and wnatever else may be said, those who are now meeting with loss of Dept. of Colonial Secretary, profit upon the goods are best able to pear it. The true principle of taxation. is that upon the shoulders of those best able to bear it, it should be placed. Unfortunately in this country, the poor kill or capture or pursue with inpay as much as the rich. We may tent to take, kill or capture, any rgue all day in relation to this change Fox within this Colony for any in the tariff. Notice of the kind which purpose, from the fifteenth day hon, members have stated should be of March to the fifteenth day of with delight by at asses in the community.' That what the hon. gentleman and friends in the gracine elsewhere, and we are following the rule of other countries. The given, cannot be done. It is not the October, in any year, under a hon. gentleman endeavors to damn the taking off of the duty with faint exceeding Two months." praise, so to speak.

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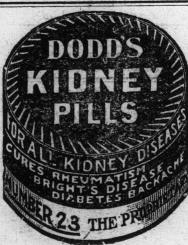
Hon. Mr. Giber What the present
Government did so not come into Hon. Mr. Knowling .- It ought to have been done three years ago. Hon. Mr. Gibbs .- Why did not the Government did a not come into force right away Did the hon, member and his friends do it the hon member and his friends do it the past seven, six or five years! Does he now admit that it was a death bed repentance on their part in 1904? The country apparently looked upon it as such, because four years ago there was not only the death bed repentance, but a wake politically of the party which he was an influential member of. The hon, member argues that he should so regulate the tariff that any reduction in duties that may take place should be with countries with which we trade. Entries are nowing passed for such purposes. Propriave gone there to pass free entries the articles named, his attempted criticism of the Speech of His Excellency in the opening of the Legislature, refers to political and the Legislature, refers to political and cles have been nitted free, as has the Legislature of the past. ed by them, and if they were the dis tance they would have to be carried, is Notice to Mariners Minister says so Hon. Mr. Har—When did he insuch that the consumer here would have to pay a very much higher price Hon. Mr. Gib-Yes, to day. Im- for them than he paid for them in the porters must pae duties now, but I past or will in the future. Reciprocal trade is a good policy to adopt, provided you do not add unnecessarily to the burdens of the people, and pay a price Hon. Mr. Ho -- If the hon. memnot commensurate with the advantage Garnish ber will pardo I would like to say that I have be free entries have and Co.'s office free entries have

the whole mat the not been proper-cheaper in its markets. The hon, memwhich he says exists in this country, the greatest good the greatest num- and he asks the question-when the ber, and the grest number will get railway is finished what then? But he neglects to answer the question which taxation. If the ad been an increase he propounds. Does he mean that in taxation uponose articles instead railway building is not conducive to of a decrease, ald the consumer get the general prosperity of the country. the benefit? Wid the retailer hand Because, if he does, then he must be a back the incres to the person pur- very poor student of railway development the world over.

had already pathe lesser rate of Norwegian Fishery

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