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## BULGE IN SUGAR DUTY.

### But That is About the Only Tariff Change Mr. Fielding Announced.

**Raw Sweetness Goes Up From 50 to 65 Cents a Hundredweight, and the Refined Article Grades From One-Eighth to One-Quarter of a Cent Per Pound Added—The Finance Minister Spoke for 3¼ Hours and Had His Rose-Hued Spectacles On—West Indies to Come Under the Preferential Tariff.**

Ottawa, April 5.—It took the Minister of Finance just three and a half hours today to present his budget statement, in the course of which he endeavored to show how the Government were practising economy by increasing the expenditure from thirty-six and a half millions in 1896 to an estimated expenditure of over forty millions for 1898-99, and demonstrating how an alleged free trade Government practised what it preached by increasing the duty on sugar in such a manner that the poor man's yellow sugar will have to pay 5 per cent. more duty than the rich man's granulated sugar.

Mr. Fielding drew rather a roseate picture of the revenue and expenditure for the current year, figuring out a surplus of $550,000, and grew even more optimistic in his estimates for next year, figuring out a surplus of a million and a quarter, but, as he frankly confessed that he had no idea of how much revenue would be lost by the coming into operation of the full first 25 per cent. preferential tariff on British goods, or what revenue will be gained by the increased duty on sugar, and, apparently, did not include in his estimated expenditure the supplementary estimates of a million or so, which have not yet been brought down, his hopeful view of the outcome of next year's surplus is, to say the least of it, not quite so reliable as it might be. Mr. Fielding naturally took a little credit for the floating of the first 2½ per cent. colonial loan ever offered in the British market, but somewhat marred the effect of his modest claim that it was an immensely successful financial operation by saying that it was an "experiment," and intimating by his inference that it would soon be found necessary to float another loan, and admitting that one of the results of the present year's operations would be an addition of about three and a half millions to the public debt.

The principal features of the budget were the cancellation of the existing preferential clause applying to almost every nation under the sun, and the re-enactment of a new clause, which limits its scope to Great Britain and Ireland, British India, New South Wales, and the British West Indies, with power to the Minister of Customs to add other countries, which, in his opinion, are entitled to preferential treatment, and the change in the sugar duties. Roughly speaking, the new sugar duties will be about 65c per 100 pounds on raw sugar, and $1.25 per hundred pounds on granulated, which is practically an increase of 30 per cent. on the raw material and 25 per cent. on the manufactured article.

The extension of the preferential tariff to the British West Indies and the inclusion of sugar from those countries in the 25 per cent. reduction after Aug. 1, should have the effect anticipated by Mr. Fielding of increasing our trade with those islands, especially if direct communication is established with Barbadoes, Trinidad and Demerara, as Mr. Fielding hinted might be the case. The Minister's allusion to the tariff will be disappointing to those National Policy Liberals, who hoped against hope that he would restore the duty on binder twine, and readjust some of the crudities of last year's tariff, which have been found to press unfairly on certain industries in which Liberals are interested and the deputations which have been coming here for some time past in the hope of obtaining beneficial changes can now make up their minds that Canadian manufacturers need not expect either justice or fair play at the hands of the present Government.

### THE BUDGET SPEECH.

**Mr. Fielding Appears to See Everything Through Rosy Spectacles—A Pretty Fair Effort.**

Ottawa, April 5.—(Special.)—It was just 4 o'clock this afternoon when the Minister of Finance arose, amid Liberal cheers, to present his budget speech. He said he thought he had good reason to congratulate the country on the present condition of affairs. Since he delivered the budget in April last Canada had had an eventful year—a year of marked advancement, of material progress and steadily increasing prosperity. He would first refer, he said, to the financial position of the country. The deficit on account of consolidated fund last year was $519,981, as compared with $339,651 the previous year. There had been a decrease in the customs last year, as anticipated, owing to the tariff changes.

Mr. Foster asked if the Minister could give a statement of the revenue on account of the Jubilee stamp issue.

The Minister of Finance replied that he had not the statement by him, but he would furnish it later on. Continuing, he said he thought he could congratulate the Opposition on the happy failure of some of the gloomy predictions they had made last session and the previous one of the operations of the year ending on June 30 last. They had said direful things of the first year of Liberal rule. Instead of a deficit of three and a quarter millions, as Mr. Foster had predicted, he would be glad to learn it was only slightly over half a million dollars. [Liberal cheers.]

**Revenue From Liquors.**

As the question of prohibition was likely to be a live issue, he thought it well to give the details of the revenue from liquors. Ale imported last year amounted to 327,216 gallons, and the duty collected to $65,245; spirits and wines 1,396,156 gallons, duty collected $2,406,529. The excise returns from malt were 6,840,335 pounds, duty $1,620,652; spirits 27,825,148 gallons, duty $4,732,506. The revenues received from these sources, therefore, were: Customs, $2,471,773; excise, $5,759,158; or a total revenue of $8,230,933.

**Estimated Revenue.**

Turning to the current year, he estimated the customs revenue at $21,000,000, as against $19,478,347 last year; excise $8,000,000, as against $9,130,326, and miscellaneous $10,300,000, or a total revenue of $39,300,000. Against this there would be an expenditure on consolidated fund of $38,750,000, leaving a surplus of $550,000 on the 30th June next. This would wipe out the deficit of last year and leave a small balance on the right side of the account. While, he added, we had borrowed in London only about half of our authorized credit, yet he would not have to resort to a temporary loan or borrow money in any form.

**The Public Debt.**

During the last fiscal year the public debt, which stood at $258,497,432 on June 30, 1896, had been increased by $3,041,153, so that on June 30, 1897, it stood at $261,738,596, and for the current year there would be, in round figures, four and one half million dollars. For next year (1898-99) he estimated the revenue at $21,000,000, for the loss by the full 25 per cent. preferential reduction would be met by increasing the revenue in other quarters. Then, there would be $8,500,000 from excise and $11,000,000 from miscellaneous sources, a total revenue of $40,500,000. The main estimates just brought down amounted to $39,124,000, against the main estimates of $38,168,000 for the current year, so there would not be very much difference between this year and next year.

**The Country's Prosperity.**

In proof of the increased prosperity of the country, he cited the deposits in the banks, chartered and Government. In 1892, the deposits amounted to $200,472,000; in 1897 to $250,076,000, and for the period of six months ending Dec 31 $271,468,000. [Ministerial cheers.] Another evidence of the increased business of Canada was to be found in the increased note circulation, which on Oct. 31, 1892, was $57,335,000, and at the same period last year $66,332,000.

Mr. Foster: Did you take the same date in each case?

Mr. Fielding: Yes, Oct. 31 in each year. The bank clearings had increased by $125,000,000 last year over 1896. [Ministerial cheers.] Then the railway traffic returns were an index of the betterment in the country's condition. The gross receipts of the C.P.R. last year totalled $24,049,534, as against $20,681,596 the last previous.

Similarly, the Grand Trunk returns amounted to $10,521,588, as against $18,731,885 in the previous year.

**The Trade Returns.**

A reference to the trade returns for the past five months was another index of the country's strong position. The imports showed an increase of $12,000,000 and the exports of $26,451,521, the best record of exports in the history of the Dominion. [Government cheers.] Let the House be not unmindful of the chief cause of this improvement. It was because prosperity had come to the great agricultural classes of this country. [Applause.]

**The New Loan.**

Dealing with the new loan, the Minister mentioned that the net rate of interest, including all charges, was 2⅛ per cent. The loan was placed at the price of 91 and sold at £91 19s 5d.

Mr. Foster: What is the length of the loan?

Mr. Fielding: Fifty years. Between now and 1910, he said, Dominion loans to the amount of 167½ million dollars would mature. The accumulated sinking funds would amount to $56,971,000, so that the Government would have to borrow the balance of these maturing loans to the amount of $101,000,000. At the rate of interest now being paid on the loans which were to mature, the country was paying interest to the amount of $4,000,000, but assuming that the same rate of interest could be secured as last year, viz. 2.28 per cent., there would be a saving in interest to the extent of $1,140,000. [Applause.] He was glad to know that the result of the loan transaction of last year was not made a matter of party politics, but that its success was recognized by the public men and the press of both parties. [Applause.]

**The Drop in Interest to Depositors.**

Mr. Fielding then went on to justify the reduction in the rate of interest allowed the depositors in Government savings banks. He said that during the Tariff Commission enquiries manufacturers complained that the cost of capital was greater to them than to their rivals in other countries. While it might be thought this was a matter with which the Government had nothing to do, it was really a fact that it was owing to the banks having to pay such high rates of interests to depositors, that they are obliged to do because the Government kept up its rate of interest. For a long time the Government had been paying rather more than a fair value for money deposited in the Government banks. Originally these were merely designed as a place of safe deposit, but they had come to be regarded as affording a good investment, until now much of the money on deposit in the Government banks did not represent the savings of the working class at all. Therefore, the Government, in the interest of the business men and manufacturers, last July reduced the rate of interest from 3½ to 3 per cent., the result of which change was beneficial in reducing the cost of capital; so now it was proposed on the 1st July to reduce the rate another ½ per cent.

Dr. Sproule: That is a grand stroke for the poor man.

The Finance Minister replied that of greater importance than the poor man was the large class who had to borrow money to carry on business. Indeed, the depositors in general were a class that did not need sympathy. When the tariff changes were made last year the Opposition cried out against the reduction, declaring that

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**Philadelphia's April Blizzard.**

Philadelphia, April 5.—A snow storm, almost the proportions of a blizzard, prevailed in this city and vicinity to-day. Snow began falling before daylight this morning and continued steadily. A northeast wind, with an average velocity of thirty miles, prevailed. The snow is six and eight inches deep in the mountain districts and still coming down.

**Tickets for the Foresters' excursion to Buffalo on Good Friday, $1.55, good to return Monday.** 345

**The Spring Hat Event at Dineens**

To-day and to-morrow are the gala show days of the Easter week exposition of spring hat styles at Dineens'. The spectacle up stairs, down stairs and in the ladies' hat parlor is one of unusual interest to visitors, whether they are buyers or spectators. In men's hats a greater variety of new spring styles are shown at Dineens' than are seen in any two of the most pretentious hat stores in Toronto, and in nobby headwear for children Dineens have no rival anywhere in Canada.

**Is Dreyfus Dead?**

Paris, April 4.—A rumor was current here to-day that Alfred Dreyfus, the former captain of artillery who was sentenced to imprisonment for life, after having been convicted by court martial of having betrayed important military secrets to a foreign power, is dead. He was undergoing imprisonment on Devil's Island, off the coast of French Guiana. The Colonial Office, however, has no information on the subject.

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**A Hamilton Brakeman Badly Injured While Coupling in the Don Yards Last Night.**

While John G. Campbell of Bowen-street, Hamilton, was coupling cars in the Don yards last night he was crushed between two cars and fearfully injured. He was found a few minutes later lying upon the ground, where he had fallen under the cars. Dr. Noble, the G. T. R. physician for the eastern division, dressed the wounds, and the unfortunate brakeman was sent to his home by the night train for Hamilton.

### MURDERED HIS COMPANION.

**Theodule Poirier Stabs Jerome Martin, Inflicting a Fatal Wound.**

Quebec, April 5.—A sad death occurred at St. Alexis, Metapedia, at 10 o'clock Sunday evening, on account of a row over a girl. It seems that two young men of respectable families, one named Jerome, son of Dr. Martin, and Theodule, son of Sylvian Poirier, both about 20 years of age, were returning home with some companions, when a dispute occurred, arising from the mention of a young girl's name. Hot and fierce words were interchanged, and, at the end, Martin struck Poirier, who drew a knife and stabbed his assailant, severing the carotid artery. Martin fell back weltering in his blood, and the horror-struck witnesses, perceiving that the wounded man was past human help, ran hastily for the cure, who arrived barely in time to administer the last rites of the church.

Meanwhile the murderer, apparently unconcerned for the dreadful consequences of his act, closed his knife, and walked coolly away without troubling himself to ascertain the extent of the injury he had inflicted. He was subsequently placed under arrest.

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**Fell and Killed Himself.**

Quebec, April 5.—An elderly man, whose name cannot be ascertained, and very much under the influence of liquor, while descending Eustache Hill, fell and struck his head on the curbstone, causing instant death.

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Thomas A. Nicholson, a confectioner at 474 Yonge-street, went to Police Headquarters last night to lay a complaint against a police officer. Nicholson was wheeling up Yonge-street, near Alice, at 9 p.m., carrying a bag of shelled walnuts. The bag burst, and the walnuts fell out. While he was trying to prevent some boys from stealing the nuts he was struck brutally in the face by a man who said he was a police officer, and people in the crowd said he was a detective. Nicholson lost considerable blood, as well as his walnuts. He was told at the police station to lay his complaint this morning.

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### MARRIAGES.

SMITH—GEE—In Scarboro', on Tuesday, 5th inst., by Rev. J. Vickery, Mr. C. E. Smith of Gormley to Miss Annie Gee of Victoria Square.

### DEATHS.

BETHUNE—At her late residence, 184 College-street, on Tuesday, April 5, Jane Frances Ewart, widow of the late Robert Henry Bethune of the Dominion Bank, Toronto, aged 60 years.

Funeral private.

Friends please omit flowers.

BOWREY—At her son-in-law's residence, 11 Sword-street, Toronto, on April 5, 1898, Frances Bowrey, aged 68, widow of the late George Bowrey, and mother of the late Fireman Robert Bowrey, who lost his life at The Globe building fire on Jan. 6, 1895.

Funeral from above address on Friday, the 8th inst., at 2.30 p.m., to St. James' Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

DICK—At Clarence-avenue, Deer Park, on the 4th inst., Hannah McIndoe, wife of David Dick, aged 81 years.

Funeral from Deer Park Presbyterian Church to-day (Wednesday) at 4 p.m.

DYNES—At Hamilton Beach on Sunday, April 3, Mary, beloved wife of John Dynes, aged 62 years and 2 months.

The funeral will take place from the family residence on Wednesday, April 6, at 1.30 p.m., to Hamilton Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

LEACH—At Duluth, Minn., on Sunday, April 3, Harold Atkinson Leach, in his 18th year, youngest son of Mrs. A. E. Leach of 9 Maitland-place, Toronto.

Funeral from Union Station at 3.30 p.m. (not at 10 a.m., as in former notice), Wednesday, April 6, to St. James' Cemetery.

PURDON—At Blue Island, Ill., on Monday, April 4, Mrs. R. S. Purdon, in her 73rd year.

Funeral will take place from the residence of her son, R. A. Purdon, 72 Gladstone-avenue, Toronto, on Thursday, 7th inst., at 2.30, to the Necropolis.

## JOHN BULL AND CHINA.

### Mr. Balfour Tells of Concessions Gained by Great Britain in the East.

**Yang-Tse-Kiang Not to Be Alienated—An Englishman to Direct the Maritime Customs—Inland Waters to Be Open to the World—Three New Treaty Ports Opened—British and German Interests Identical—China Will Possibly Be Parcelled Out, But Strange Things May Happen Before That Takes Place—Russia Is Displeased—Cable News.**

London, April 5.—The House of Commons was crowded to-day with people anxious to hear the statement of Arthur J. Balfour, the acting Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, on the subject of the situation in the far East. Mr. Balfour, who was loudly cheered on rising, enumerated the concessions obtained by Great Britain, namely, that the region of the Yang Tse Kiang should not be alienated by any foreign power; that the successor of Sir Robert Hart, as director of the Chinese Imperial maritime customs, is to be an Englishman, and that access to the inland waters is to be had by ships of all nations. A fourth concession, Mr. Balfour continued, only occurred a day or two ago, namely, the opening of three new treaty ports, Funing, Yechau and Chin Wang. Tais, according to Mr. Balfour, was a considerable harvest for two months' negotiations.

Relative to the German acquisitions of railroads, Mr. Balfour said that wherever they were constructed they must be a benefit to British commerce. He preferred railroads and differential duties to no railroads and no duties.

**British and German Interests Identical.**

Later Mr. Balfour said he believed neither Germany nor Russia had any intention of depriving Great Britain of any of her treaty rights in China. Germany, he further informed the House, had given assurances that the country acquired by her would be open to the commerce of the whole world. The interests of Germany and Great Britain in China were identical, and he believed the two countries would be able to work hand in hand. Russia, Mr. Balfour then said, had also given assurances, but he was bound to admit that the form of these assurances had changed. Still, assurances had been given that no Japanese troops, assisted by British marines, and under control of English officers," The Standard says, also, it is expected that Lord Salisbury will assume his duties at the Foreign Office in a few weeks.

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**Cardinal Taschereau's Condition**

Quebec, April 5.—His Eminence Cardinal Taschereau was reported a little better this afternoon, but his physicians do not hold out hopes for his recovery.

**The Insane King of Bavaria Dying.**

Munich, April 5.—The condition of the insane King Otto of Bavaria has suddenly become worse, and it is feared that he is dying.

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### RUSSIA IS NOT PLEASED.

**Britain's Action in Securing Wae-Hai-Wei is Likely to Interfere With Her Enterprises.**

Pekin, April 5.—M. Pavloff, the Russian Charge d'Affaires, had a long interview with Sir Claude Macdonald yesterday. He informed the British Minister that both Russia and Germany regard the situation as serious, England's action tending to prevent the development of their enterprises.

General Sung, who commanded at Port Arthur, is now at New Chwang, Province of Leao-Tong, near the Gulf of Pe-Chi-Li, with 25,000 troops.

**France Gets a Slice.**

Pekin, April 5.—It is understood that China has conceded the demands of France. They differ, it is added, somewhat from the first demands.

### THE PAPERS SATISFIED

**Japan is Not Expected to Raise Any Objections to Britain's Action—Salisbury Will Return.**

London, April 6.—According to the statements made yesterday by the Duke of Devonshire, Lord President of the Council, in the House of Lords, and Mr. George Curzon, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons, there is to be no opposition from Japan to Great Britain's action at Wei-Hai-Wei.

The morning papers generally express themselves as satisfied with Mr. Balfour's statement, but they are uneasy as to the relations between England and Russia.

The Standard says: "In some quarters it is believed that the Government will arrange for garrisoning Wei-Hai-Wei with Japanese troops, assisted by British marines, and under control of English officers." The Standard says, also, it is expected that Lord Salisbury will assume his duties at the Foreign Office in a few weeks.

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**Britain's Action in Securing Wae-Hai-Wei is Likely to Interfere With Her Enterprises.**

Pekin, April 5.—M. Pavloff, the Russian Charge d'Affaires, had a long interview with Sir Claude Macdonald yesterday. He informed the British Minister that both Russia and Germany regard the situation as serious, England's action tending to prevent the development of their enterprises.

General Sung, who commanded at Port Arthur, is now at New Chwang, Province of Leao-Tong, near the Gulf of Pe-Chi-Li, with 25,000 troops.

**France Gets a Slice.**

Pekin, April 5.—It is understood that China has conceded the demands of France. They differ, it is added, somewhat from the first demands.

### THE PAPERS SATISFIED

**Japan is Not Expected to Raise Any Objections to Britain's Action—Salisbury Will Return.**

London, April 6.—According to the statements made yesterday by the Duke of Devonshire, Lord President of the Council, in the House of Lords, and Mr. George Curzon, Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in the House of Commons, there is to be no opposition from Japan to Great Britain's action at Wei-Hai-Wei.

The morning papers generally express themselves as satisfied with Mr. Balfour's statement, but they are uneasy as to the relations between England and Russia.

The Standard says: "In some quarters it is believed that the Government will arrange for garrisoning Wei-Hai-Wei with Japanese troops, assisted by British marines, and under control of English officers." The Standard says, also, it is expected that Lord Salisbury will assume his duties at the Foreign Office in a few weeks.

### 200 DERVISHES KILLED.

**A Hot Fight in Africa in Which the British Lost Six—The Egyptian Troops Fought Bravely.**

Abadar Camp, South of the Atbarak, Nubia, April 5.—A reconnaissance in force with cavalry, artillery and two Egyptian battalions to the camp of Mahmoud Pasha this morning brought the enemy out in force. The fighting lasted from 9 until 10.30. The British loss was six killed and ten wounded. Capt. W. H. Persse of the Second Dragoon Guards was wounded slightly. The Dervishes lost about 200.

The reconnaissance is regarded as a great success, its chief features being the admirable behavior of the Egyptian cavalry and the valuable services of the Maxim. Mahmoud's gun fire was ineffective. Major-General Hunter commanded the Anglo-Egyptian forces in the engagement.

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### IN POLITICAL CIRCLES.

Among the members of the Legislature at the Parliament Buildings yesterday were Messrs. McKee, Pardo, Loughrin, Pettypiece and German.

Mr. McKee stated the people of his constituency, North Essex, were not opposed to the pool-room operated in Windsor. The objectors were rival concerns in Detroit. There was one in Hamilton and one near Toronto and if one, why not all?

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