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A SPEECH WITH AN OUTLOOK.

The ex-Minister of the Interior addressed Parliament a few days ago in a speech which has been received by both friends and enemies as one of the most important addresses of the session. Mr. Sifton's bitterest enemies have never accused him of incapacity, and by all who are not blinded by partisanship he is recognized as one of the ablest men in Canadian public life.

Mr. Sifton took the common-sense ground that the public are less interested in hair-splitting disquisitions about the exact percentage of tariff imposed by the former and the present Governments than in knowing what the Government and Parliament intend to do with the problems that confront us in the future.

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which we do not agree upon subjects of living and vital concern than that Parliament should spend the time smelling about the garbage heap.

THE REPORTED TELEPHONE PURCHASE.

Hon. W. H. Cushing and Manager Size appear to be somewhat mixed over the proprietorship of the Bell telephone system in Alberta. The Minister announced that the deal had been practically closed for the purchase by the Provincial Government.

REASSURING FIGURES.

The Toronto World announces that "one of Canada's leading financiers, who has just returned from an extended stay in England and knows the market as well as any man in Canada, has furnished the following list of Canadian securities which have been successfully placed in England during the past six months:

Table listing various Canadian securities and their values, including Dominion of Canada bonds, Railway issues, and Municipal issues.

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IMPORTING MONEY.

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any means of importing cash which Britain has must be accumulating debts abroad with no incidental income to "balance accounts."

That a large income is an inevitable sign that a man is running into debt is a remarkable doctrine rarely. Nor can Mr. Foster find in all history a single instance of a country that has been ruined by importing goods which could be more cheaply produced abroad in exchange for goods which could be more economically produced at home.

But writing these mistaken notions there is another very apparent fallacy in Mr. Foster's reasoning. Because we do not import cash from the same sources as Britain he presumes that we do not import cash at all.

That means is the movement of thousands of the most progressive and enterprising people from all parts of the world to this country. These people do not come to us empty-handed.

But such men are rare in Canada today. The authors of our country, like the rest of us, subsist on something more substantial and expensive than the "feats" of reason.

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UNBUNG HEROES.

Thirty-six sailors lost their lives last week in a collision between a British cruiser and destroyer in the Channel. The fleet was engaged in night manoeuvres with masked lights when the cruiser struck the destroyer amidships, her sharp stem cutting the smaller craft in two.

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OUR MID-SUMMER FAIR.

The decision to hold an agricultural exhibition in October is not to be permitted to interfere with Edmonton's big annual gathering in June. This year the mid-summer event will be exclusively a stock show with a race meet and other attractions.

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AFTER THE FARMER.

The Bulletin has received a pamphlet entitled "The Land Laws of Canada and the Land Experience of the United States," written by Ditlew M. Frederiksen, of Canora, Sask.

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THE DUTY OF THE MEDICAL COUNCILS.

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price; on the next it explains the wisdom of buying farm lands from the Scandinavian Canadian Land Co. Unless circumstantial evidence has lost its import the hand that wrote the pamphlet also wrote the advertisement.

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SASKATCHEWAN CROP RETURNS.

The final report on last year's grain crops has been issued by the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture. The total acreage under crop last year was 3,868,017. From this were threshed 27,000,000 bushels of wheat, 23,000,000 bushels of oats, nearly a million bushels of each of barley and flax and 35,000 bushels of speltz.

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AN ADVERTISING DIRECTORY.

A couple of weeks ago the city council "farmed out" the publication of the new telephone directory.

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should be asked to hand out additional contributions to pay for publishing the directory which the owners of the telephone system are bound to supply him, and without which the telephone he hires is useless?

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OBSTRUCTIONS CONTINUE TAC.

Hold up Important Bill of Interior to Exclusion of "Undesirables"

Ottawa, April 8.—A bill on the exclusion of undesirable immigrants introduced in the House of Commons this afternoon by the Hon. Oliver, minister of interior, committee of the whole. The bill is for the exclusion of undesirable immigrants. The present act for the exclusion and deport undesirable immigrants is the Immigration Act, 1906. It has been discovered when the immigrants in ports outside the country are not possible to return them and they must be deported.

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