

OTTAWA LETTERS.

The Scant Courtesy With Which Petitions are Received.

Mr. Davin Has a Little Tilt With the Speaker and Mr. Oliver.

More Dismissals Without Enquiry or Investigation—Mr. Davies as Leader.

Ottawa, April 25.—Parliament is at war again but nobody is taking very much stock in what it does.

The interest centres around the impending budget, and yesterday's debate on the franchise bill was on the whole a rather tame discussion.

Mr. Roché, one of the Manitoba members, declared that it was utterly impossible to get a fair election with the local lists.

Mr. Davies did not directly advocate manhood suffrage, but his remarks were in that direction.

The franchise discussion brought on some disagreement as to facts between Mr. Davies and Mr. Martin.

Mr. Laurier announced yesterday a rather astonishing position which he proposed to take.

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In the proceedings, and the government again intervened in the interest of harmony.

1. Mr. McPhail was to be the next Liberal candidate in Saskatchewan, and the government was to recognize him as such.

2. Mr. Davies was to pay over to Mr. McPhail a sum of money.

3. The patronage was to be divided between the two factions.

Mr. Davin read a statutory declaration by Mr. Donaldson and Mr. Fish.

Such were the charges made by Mr. Davin, who, however, declared that he had no personal knowledge of them.

But it is interesting to note the attitude of the government.

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He does not have to go to him. He comes to them.

Nevertheless the practice of forwarding petitions goes on.

But if the petitioners could be present in the house when their request is granted, and could follow it through its course, they would be apt to lose faith in the method.

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At that hour in the day, he was very considerate towards the leader of the opposition.

In the evening, Mr. MacLean explained what he wanted to do with the railway companies.

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Never since I tack upon the made in the ho Fielding in his new protective may have said the manufactu milder. The Car of we do for the one nation to which we belong and the only one nation which admits our products free. And what is the value of these protestations coming from a minister who at the same time declares an intention of disregarding an imperial treaty.

Ottawa, April 24. S. D. S. Members of parliament and others gathered about the capital are still talking tariff.

But the queer feature of the case is that while the ministers claim that Great Britain is not favored above Germany and other continental countries, they also claim that the treaty will not apply to the other countries.

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