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QUEER TARIFF PROPOSALS

The feature of the budget, points out the Mail and Empire, was not the stereotyped dissertation upon the finances, which is already answered, but the very remarkable proposals that are made in reference to the tariff. As is universally known, there is a strong demand for a decisive Canadian policy. The increasing importations of goods such as we can make, the impairment of many of our industries, and the expatriation of Canadian workmen, all of which evils are the consequences of the Fielding system, have made the call for action imperative and unanswerable. Evidently the Government recognizes that it blundered in the tariff changes of 1897 and of subsequent years. It also feels that it was in error again when it preached the doctrine of "tariff unalterability." At all events it admits through the Finance Minister that its position has been unsound, and seeks means by which it can temporarily square itself without doing anything in particular. The process it has foreshadowed will scarcely be regarded as satisfactory.

For several years the Ministers have had all the facts before them. Both in speeches and in correspondence have the needs of the country over and over again been presented. A bold and thoroughly Canadian Ministry would have dealt with the situation a year ago. Certainly such a Government would not have permitted the present session to pass without a general tariff revision, relieving the people of taxation upon necessities not produced at home, and strengthening the defences of our urban and industrial interests. It seems that the Ministers have not the force necessary to the performance of the task which they admit to be pressing. In all probability the conflicting views within the Cabinet on fiscal questions render activity impossible. The issue is therefore made the subject of reference to another tribunal. A commission, either of Ministers or of persons who are more competent to consider the question, is to be appointed to advise the Government what to do.

No one need doubt what this means. While it is an admission that wrong prevails, it is a refusal to give redress. The refusal holds good until after the general elections, when it is calculated that these gentlemen, if their expedient should work out as desired, will be free once more, and for another term, to allow matters to drift.

Starting in the extreme is the contrast between the treatment accorded all the Canadian industries but one, and that served out to the Standard Oil Company of the United States. This great monopoly came to the Laurier Government soon after its accession to office in 1896 and demanded the right to import its oil in tank steamers instead of in barrels, and at a lower rate of duty than had hitherto been charged. The Cabinet at once acceded to the request, and the Standard soon afterwards dominated Canada and put up prices. A few months ago the Standard made another proposition. Crude oil is subject to a protective duty, and the Standard asked that this also be reduced to its special interests. It wanted to be in a position to cut down the price payable to the Canadian oil producer, but it was quite willing that a duty of two cents a gallon on crude oil should remain. It seems that the Standard Oil Company did not ask as much as the Government was willing to give. Mr. Fielding has removed the duty on crude oil altogether, thus introducing the Ohio article, the production of which the Standard controls. He also provides that Canada shall pay a bounty of a cent and a half a gallon on such Canadian crude oil as may be used. Further, he reduces the duty on the refined by one-half and thus gives a new opening to the American oil and strikes at independent refineries.

The changes constitute a gift of immense value to the Standard Oil Company, of the United States. They permit it to bring in its crude oil free in competition with the Canadian product. They pay a cent and a half a gallon out of the public treasury if it uses any of the Canadian product. They open the country to the oil if refined in the United States, practically placing a premium upon refining in the neighboring country.

The only Canadian industries that are considered are the woolen industry and the manufacturers of cordage. They are allowed to escape a share of the British preference.

The woolen operatives have suffered severely at the hands of Mr. Fielding. Their mills have been closed, or re-

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duced to half-time. Hundreds and hundreds of them have been driven from the country. The Government has long maintained that it was in the right in its battle against the mills and their workmen. One Minister, indeed, Mr. Sifton, announced that if they could not keep on under such a tariff as he condescended to give them, the sooner they shut up the better. There is a late and not thorough repentance in this case. The duty on certain British woollens is raised from 23 to 30 per cent. That on foreign woollens remains undisturbed. The change, it is hoped by friends of the Canadian industry, will be helpful, although it comes grudgingly and late and is accompanied by unfriendly comments upon the business and the manner in which it is conducted. While there is a retreat from the Government position on this branch of Canadian enterprise, there are in the new tariff reductions and transferences to the free list of the newer industries.

A decided curiosity in legislation is the complicated scheme propounded with a view of conveying the impression that the Government is meeting the evil of slaughtering or dumping on this market. That the process is in operation we all know. That the remedy for it is tariff action goes without saying. What is proposed, however, is a circumlocutory procedure, through the Customs Department, under which, if undervaluation be discovered, an addition shall, in this particular instance reported and proven, be made to the duty. This renders the business of every merchant subject to espionage, and is not so effective as tariff treatment would be.

Moreover, it does not touch the real situation. Dumping or slaughtering is not always undervaluation. The dumped goods are frequently goods for which the fair foreign market price is paid. These, although undermining our own industries, cannot be ruled out by Mr. Fielding's proposition. While the Government acknowledges the danger of dumping, and the efficiency of the tariff for defensive purposes, it fails to deal with the situation fairly and adequately. In fact it calls for the action of the commission constitutionally authorized to dispose of the evils the Ministers refuse to redress, and the commission is the whole body of the electorate.

POLITICS AND THE MILITIA.

Lord Dundonald has shown all the fearlessness of a good soldier in his utterances regarding the use of political pull in the militia. Yet the doctrine laid down by the commanding officer must appeal to all patriotic Canadians as entirely salutary. The militia is the strong arm of the State. Its efficiency must not be tampered with for political or any other reasons. In dealing with this branch of the public service the supreme consideration ought to be, not a man's political leanings, but his absolute fitness for responsibility. Any other course would not only alienate the sympathy of a large portion of the community from the militia, but would lead to the promotion of the least capable men. It has long been an unwritten law that whenever else the politician might exert his influence he had no right to do so in respect of the militia. We do not say that there have been no infractions of this law, but they have not invalidated the principle. That the people of Canada desire the militia to be administered irrespective of political considerations has been admitted by successive Governments. It is well that an open and emphatic protest has been uttered against a glaring departure from the recognized rule. As to Ministerial control and Ministerial responsibility for the system there is no dispute. But the control ought to be exercised with an eye single to the efficiency of the militia. We may expect to hear it declared that Lord Dundonald has overstepped the limits of prudence in challenging the conduct of a Min-

ister; that he ought to submit to such irregularities as have official sanction. We question if that is a course that would commend itself to a man of high character and clear sense of duty. And that is precisely the kind of man we need at the head of our militia. In vain will he look among the predecessors of Lord Dundonald for one who has commanded such a large measure of respect and confidence, and such a thorough grasp of the needs of the situation. In his efforts to reorganize the militia the present commanding officer has shown exceptional zeal and aptitude. His criticism of Ministerial conduct may, therefore, be accepted as entirely influenced by a regard for the welfare of the militia. Far from exposing himself to attack for his very pointed references to Mr. Fisher's interference, Lord Dundonald ought to receive the encouragement of all who have the interest of the militia at heart.—Mail and Empire.

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Miss E. Piper, who has been visiting at her home, North Dresden, left yesterday for Alvinston to resume her position there.

Mrs. Asa Ribble was at home to her Dresden friends yesterday and to-day.

The baseball boys have arranged for two good games for the Old Boys' Reunion. On the first day they will play a team from Ridgetown, and on the second day the Detroit Business University team will be their opponents.

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