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THE TARIFF STATEMENT

Sir Wilfrid's evening statement on the tariff was reported in the Free Press as

follows:

"When I came into office," he said,
"I promised freer trade, and I think my
record will prove that I have been consistent. When I am dead and gone my
name, I venture to think, and the name
of the Laurier government will be long
associated with British preference. Is
there a man in this vast audience who
does not believe that we made a wise
step toward freer trade when we tried to
draw closer our trade bonds with the
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"The British preference was not only an act of great statesmanship, but it was a measure of political economy, and has been a regulation of prices. The best evidence of the wisdom of our administration is the fact that we have had 14 years of great prosperity under it, but it does not follow that we shall have nothing more to do, that we are going to rest upon our laurels. No government can afford to remain where it is. It must always look about for new measures."

"Several years ago, owing to the treatment we received at Washington, we decided that we, in Canada, would not make any more pilgrimages to Washington, but that Washington should come to us, and last winter we had the satisfaction of seeing a pilgrimage from Washington to Ottawa. We are prepared to meet them providing there is one important condition which is that the British preference stands first and last and all the time. I admire the American people, they have certainly one characteristic and that is looking after number one, and so far as Canada is concerned I can assure you that we shall also look after number one."

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A Nelson, B.C., dispatch of July 18 said: "Bush fires which on Saturday night were believed to be under control, are again blazing with terrible ferocity and have caused at least four deaths and enormous damage to property. The most serious loss is reported from the Kaslo district. The town of White Water is blotted off the map. All the buildings at McGuigan have been destroyed and the Lucky Jim. Rambler and other mines have lost buildings.

Three hundred miners with their families have lost all their possessions. The Powers Lumber camp has been completely destroyed with timber and cordwood, and several valuable teams were literally roasted alive. The Great Nutthern is a severe sufferer. At McGuigan ten freight cars were consumed. Bridges have been burned, and at least a hundred thousand dollars' worth of timber belonging to the company consumed.

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The Washington, Utica and Rico mines are reported safe.

The victims of the fifes are: Charles Norman, S. Fierson, of Sandon, George Chisly and David Paterson. Edward Lucas is missing. The dead men took refuge in the tunnel of the Lucky Jim, mine, where they were overpowered by amoke. In response for an organt summons for aid rescue trains were dispatched from Kaslo. They were unable, to pass Bear Lake, but returned crowded with passic-stricken men, women and children panic-stricken men, women and children who are now being cared for by the citi-sens of Kaslo. A number are suffering

from the effects of smoke and are in the

hospital

The bush fire near Kaslo is still blazing fiercely and other fires are burning at Mirror Lake and in the vicinity of Nelson

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The following description of the manner in which Sunday was spent at the stricken town of Campbellton, N. B., is from a press dispatch.

"It seems barely possible that only last Sunday night some thousands of people, happy and contented inhabitants of the thriving town of Campbellton were comfortably seated in cosy little churches, while tonight only about 590 remain to gaze upon a pile of ashes, all that remains in the place of the fire of the following evening.

"Tonight there was no church, and the good people who were present at the worship of their God last Sunday are now widely scattered in various sections of the country. Some haye even gone as far as the western coast, while others have but crossed the homeriver, but at all events it would be impossible to assemble together even one-fith of the congregation of a week ago. The sufferers still remaining, however, did not forget their faith, but in the open air mustered to worshin their God. Service was held both by the Catholics and Prese testants, the former on the site of their church of Our Lady of the Snows and the latter in the school grounds.

"With a few rough boards on which was placed a draping of white to serve as an altar, with a canopy of the ruddy sky above them, Rev. Father Wallace solemnized holy wass this morning and spoke to the faithful on the goodness of God for

above them. Rev. Father Wallace solemnized holy mass this morning and spoke to the faithful on the goodness of God for heing so merciful to the people of Campbellton that no fatal accident had occurred in addition to the horrors of the fire. At the front of the altar knelt the nuis of the Hotel Dieu and the Catholics' among the townsneoule.

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"The service conducted by Rev, Mr. Schurman and Rev. Drumm was also very impressive and was well attended. They had planned to hold it in a large marquee, but this was blown down a short time before and so the green served as church and the sky for a roof."

PERMANENT PUBLICITY BUREAU

F. A. Harrison, of Philadelphia, president of the Canadian Exhibit & Publicity Company, is at present on a visit to Winnipeg. Mr. Harrison is engaged in forming a free permanent exhibition and publicity bureau for Western Canada, at Philadelphia. The exhibit is for the purpose of displaying the agricultural products and natural resources of Western Canada in the American city, and also for bringing to the attention of American manufacturers the advantages of the principal cities of the West as suitable points for the location of industries.

In connection with the bureau a small publication will be printed devoted exclusively to Western Canadian interests and thousands of copies will be distributed to visitors at the exhibition and through the mail. Large quantities of literature now issued by the cities and governments in Western Canada will also be distributed. "In connection with the exhibition a series of free lectures, illustrated with stereoptican views, will be given, covering all the territory between the great lakes and the Pacific coast. From time to time lectures on Western Canada will be given in the cities and towns in the territory contiguous to Philadelphia, where the Western queestion is predominant at the present time.

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G. E. Williams, who is associated with Mr. Harrison in the management of the exhibition, is an expert on publicity work and last winter conducted a similar exhibition for a group of cities in the Western States at Philadephia.

The average attradance per month was upwards of 60,000 and as the result several thousand people invested and settled in the West.

Mr. Harrison, who is a Canadian, has a thorough knowledge of Western Canada and during the past four years has lived in the eastern states where he has acquired practical experience in industrial work in the eastern states were he has a cquired practical experience in industrial work and has made a special study of industrial questions. He has already secured the apport of exhibitors sufficient to ensure the success of the project and hopes to secure the co-operation of the city of Winnipeg and the province of Manitoba.

TURRIFF FOR LIEUT - GOVERNOR

J. G. Turriff, Liberal member for Assin-iboia, is to succeed Lieut-governor Forget, of Saskatchewan, whose term will shortly expire. It has been known for some time that Mr. Turriff was in line for some time that Mr. Turriff was in line for this promotion, though there were two or three rival applicants. Lieut-Gov-ernor Forget has epjoyed three terms of office. He was not averse to accepting a fourth term, but the sentiment of the party was so strongly against such a course that it will not be followed. The official announcement of Mr. Turiff's appointment may be expected as soon as Sir Wilfrid Laurier returns to Ottawa from his western trip.

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John Gillanders Turiff, who represents East Assiniboia in the House of Commons, was born on December 14, 1855, at Little Metis. Quebec. He was educated at Montreal, and came West shortly after the completion of his education. His first political experience was gained in the local legislature, where he represented the Moose Mountain district for three terms from 1884 to 1891.

In 1891 he was an unsuccessful candidate to represent East Assiniboia in the Dominion House, being defeated by Hon. E. Dewdney, minister of interior. He was commissioner of Dominion lands at Ottawa from 1898 to 1904, and was elected to the House of Commons for East Assiniboia at the general elections in 1904 and again in 1908. He is a Presbyterian.

NOT POLITICAL

Editor Guidente Trie Guide, of June 29, contains a letter from Edgar Frost, of Claresholm. Alta., in which our vice-president, W. J. Tregillus, is accused of being mixed up with politicians in addressing farmers meetings in several places in southern Alberta. Now I think this charge is entirely wrong. I was at the meeting held at Burrows, on June 18, and was with Mr. Tregillus before and after the meeting and sat on the platform while he spoke, and the only member of parliament I saw and heard there was Mr. McGrath, the member from Lethbridge, and I understand that

this has been the only farmers' union meeting Mr. McGrath has attended. Mr. McGrath, being a politician and hoping to remain in office, is looking out for himself, and naturally is anxious to show sympathy for the farmers and find out what they are after. Now, then, I can't see why Mr. Tregillus can be blamed because a certain politician mediant. because a certain politician appears at a meeting where he (Tregillus) is one of the

meeting where he (Tregilius) is one of the speakers.

It is all very well to keep an eye on our national officers and watch them if they go wrong, but care should be taken that charges are well founded before making charges are well founded before maxing them public. The farmers' movement is no doubt hurting certain interests and no pains will be spared from our opponents to kill it in its infancy. Now is the time to stand together.

Member of Queenstown Union 160,

MORE ABOUT THE TARIFF

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Editor Gude:—I read the articles on the tariff question of late and consider that the time has come to drop our party feeling. As farmers, the members of the G. G. A. realize that the time has come for us to band together and see that we have a saw in the welfare of our country, not to make a few rich at the expense of many. I am much pleased with The Gude and appreciate what it is doing. The homes of the farmers cannot afford to be without it. If The Gude is read it will be a greater factor than anything else to bring producers together. We need to be united in our effort to advance the cause of Free Trade. Taking what the farmer uses in implements alone it will at present amount to one-fourth of his income per year. When the Laurier party first was in power they held up free trade on their platform, but evidently something else was promised to the manufacturers of Canada.

Waldeck, Sask. J. C. WIGHTMAN.

Desolate

Lawyer—Am I to understand that your wife left your bed and board?

Uncle Ephraim—Not 'xactly, boss. She dun took mah bed an' bo'd along wif

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