

FIGURES WONT LIE.

The Government's Promises and Practices.

On the motion to go into supply, Mr. Blake rose to move an amendment. In doing so he spoke of the professions of the present Government prior to the last general election, when they all denied that the taxation was to be increased.

Sir Tilley had said that the late Government was extravagant, and that the expenditure of '77 and '78 should have been a million less than it was. He also specifically declared on the hustings at St. John that it was not intended to tax flour and coal.

That the word "that" to the end of the question be left out and the following words inserted instead thereof: "The leaders of the present Government, during the general election of 1878, declared that if restored to power they would readjust but not increase the tariff; that in 1879 they so increased the tariff that the average rate of taxation had been raised, according to the trade and navigation returns, from 14.03 per cent. in 1877-78 to 19.70 per cent. in 1879-80, or by over 40 per cent; that the reason given for this departure from their election pledges was that the increase was required in order to balance the public revenue and expenditure; that the Government estimates the expenditure for the current year at \$25,573,000, being \$2,070,000 in excess of the expenditure for the year, and \$4,297,000 in excess of the expenditure for 1877-78; that the Government estimates the expenditure for 1881-82 at \$26,389,000, being \$816,000 in excess of that for the current year, and \$2,886,000 in excess of that for 1877-78, and the revenue at \$27,000,000, being \$1,411,000 in excess of the expenditure for the year, and \$4,297,000 in excess of the expenditure of 1877-78.

That it is thus proposed to raise for the current year and the next fiscal year a revenue of \$55,386,000, being \$3,494,000 in excess of the expenditure of those years, and \$11,800,000 in excess of the expenditure, according to the scale of 1877-78; that the rate of taxation is excessive and should be reduced, and in effecting such reduction regard should be had to those taxes which press most severely on large masses of the population, which bear most unequally in different parts of the Dominion, and which, while most oppressive to the consumer, are best productive of revenue.

Mr. Tilley's reply was his Stratford speech, varied with extracts from his recent Budget Speech, and did not contain one new contention or argument. It was generally a series of allegations that the increase in the expenditure is caused by works that tend to develop the country.

Mr. Cartwright pointed out that the expenditure is one dollar per head more than it was in '77-8. The amendment was voted down by 131 to 53.

The Place for Women.

One of the principal features of the middle ages is the recognition of the fact that Christianity assigned to woman a new place in the social order of the world different from what it had been before. The deep respect accorded by that epoch to woman could not but exercise a most powerful and beneficial influence on humanity; for when man, content in his physical force, reigns alone, we can never expect to see real human culture develop itself.

Farm and Garden.

INFLUENCE OF FLOWERS.—What can give an air of refinement to the meanest place more effectually than flowers? I know a row of dingy looking city houses in front of which a few ragged, dirty trees drag on a miserable existence, but between the end house and a dreary blank wall there is a tranquil bit of ground, which is literally carpeted with lilies of the valley whenever May comes around.

FAIR TESTS FOR DRAFT HORSES.—A horse should be at his best when in the harness; it is there that he does the greater part of his work, and it is of prime importance that trials in the harness be more frequently made at our fairs. Thousands of breeding stallions are never broken to harness, and if so, are never taught to handle themselves properly with a heavy load.

The Portland Observer gives the method in which a gentleman in that vicinity keeps his apples through the winter, and by which they are said to keep fresh as if just from the trees. They are carefully picked, barrelled, and made up. A trench is then dug, and deep enough to receive the barrels about half way under ground.

How Best to Remove Warts?—This question was discussed at the last meeting of the Conn. Board of Agriculture. One gentleman said a large wart on the udder of his heifer prevented her being milked. He was recommended to apply grease or oil, at frequent intervals. Boiled linseed oil has been thus used with good results.

How Girls go to Sleep.—We had wandered out under the moonlight arches, and we all talked and laughed at nothing, in that silly, happy way young people have. We told tales, and sang the old college songs till finally sleep, with his bright-colored mantle of dreams called us, and we retired to what we fondly supposed would be repose.

The nominations in East Northumberland and Carleton, N. B., are to take place to-day and the polling on the 25th. A correspondent at Mount Prospect had an interview with Joubert. The latter said that he would agree that the English flag might be hoisted once a year, and an English resident officer be placed within the Transvaal, to legislate on all native questions, all land and frontier questions, all land and frontier questions to be referred to the Colonial Government.

We call the special attention of postmasters and subscribers to the following synopsis of the newspaper laws: 1. A postmaster is required to give notice by letter returning a paper does not answer the law when a subscriber does not take his paper out of the office, and state the reasons for its not being taken.

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Who Shall be Greatest?

The old strife of "Who shall be greatest?" begun so long ago, is still going on, and is the cause of great crime and misery. There are not many mighty ones. The men and women who are called to great work are few. The world is made up of very ordinary people, and most of the work to be done is of an ordinary kind, which, although very necessary, attracts very little attention.

The Prospects of Nevada.—A twenty years' resident of Nevada has been writing to the Philadelphian Times an account of the present position of affairs in that State. He says: "Its mining interests have practically come to a stand still. The Comstock lode, which has produced \$400,000,000 of gold and \$200,000,000 of silver is now worked with such difficulty and expense that unless a free coinage bill can be passed, the mines are likely to be abandoned."

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