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THE PROSPECTIVE TARIFF WAR.

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Suppose the President adds twenty-five per cent, to "They secured the paying vein, and, quite properly, rethe tariff on all dutiable goods from Canada, and the effect of this increase, is to stop the import of one-half the goods, the quantity of free goods remaining "quite unfair to allow any suspicion to rest on Messrs. "Young and O'Brien in this regard or to reflect on their that the average rate paid on all imports is lower than it was before the higher duty was imposed."

The Toronto Mail and Empire explains this suden change of attitude on the part of the Globe. The that the average rate paid on all imports is lower than it was before the higher duty was imposed. Suppose the President should go farther and double the rate on all dutiable goods, to that none were imported. Then all the imports would be free, and the President could show better than now that the Canadian duty is the higher of the two. Two countries may have identical tariffs. If one imports from the other raw material or primary products, and the other imports from that country mainly highly charged mannfactured goods, the country which imported the finish. The Toronto Mail and Empire explains this suddence hange of attitude on the part of the Globe. The Liberal organ had supposed that Mr. Young and Mr. O'Brien were Conservatives. It was found that they were strong Liberals. Hence the retraction. The gladsome Spring is here, I ween. Nature looks bright and gay; "been compelled to go to court in defence of their reputations, and in court they might have been met "reputations, and in court they might have been met and in court they might have been met and they will be an any respect.

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Still the member for Victoria did not learn. This is not known what authority there is for expecting that the Imperial Dock Company's project will now go forward. Some steps have been taken implying that there is a prospect of progress in this long deferred that there is a prospect of progress in this long deferred that there is a prospect of progress in this long deferred that there is a prospect of progress in this long deferred that there is a prospect of progress in this long deferred that there is a prospect of progress in this long deferred that there is a prospect of progress in this long deferred that there is a prospect of progress in this long deferred that there is a prospect of progress in this long deferred that there is a prospect of progress in this long deferred that there is a prospect of progress in this long deferred that there is a prospect of progress in this long deferred that there is a prospect of progress in this long deferred that there is a prospect of progress in this long deferred that there is a prospect of progress in this long deferred that there is a prospect of progress in this long deferred that the limperial Dock Company's project will the more as a sort of brass.

That looks like gold.

Old Socrates in Plato's page, Or so by Oxford men I'm told, Describes it as a former rage, But non-existent in his age, And no more sold.

Yet always, in a sense, alas! Its place doth orichalcum hold—Its pla

accused, insisted on having the matter fully investigated. Mr. Tweeddale found himself face to face in the Public Accounts Committee with the man he had maligned. Then he failed utterly. He said that he knew nothing about the matter except what someone had told him. Mr. Tweeddale pathetically pointed out that he had not asked to have Mr. Hoar brought to Fredericton. Everybody knew that well. Mr. Tweeddale prefers to make his charges against people some distance away. It turns out that Mr. Hoar was never dismissed by the late government, and had no trouble with Mr. Emmerson. It is also found that all the other wild statements about road expenditure in Albert are equally false.

AN IMPORTANT PRIVATE BILL.

The St. Lawrence water-power controversy in the House of Commons, is a matter of grave national interest. When a proposition comes before parliament which may give to foreign investors the ownership and control of a great water power like that in question, and may permit the power so developed to be wholly transmitted to the United States, it is surely a time for caution. The invention of methods whereby water powers may be used a long distance from the falls, has brought new national responsibility in respect to these natural forces. Not many years ago, when control of a water power was not considered a matter of much importance, the owner had to use the power where it was created. The industries it operated would be local industries no matter who owned them. Legislation which might be safe and proper in former times may which might be safe and proper in former times may

which might be safe and proper in former times may now be highly imprudent.

It is therefore not surprising that opposition mem-bers at Ottawa, supported by at least two Liberal mem-bers, one of them a former minister, should insist on safeguarding the country in the matter of the St. Law

The tariff situation between Canada and the United States has undoubtedly reached a critical stage. At Ottawa the United States tariff commissioners went over the whole matter with the Canadian finance department. Mr. Fielding has made it clear that the government of the Dominion does not intend to modify the tariff to suit the demands of the United States. The French treaty will stand, and the concessions given to France will not be extended without compensation to the United States.

All reports from Washington indicate that the President will find undue discrimination in this treaty, and will apply the maximum tariff to imports from Canada. This is practically an addition of twenty-five per cent. to the high tariff that now prevails. It would strike a severe blow to our export trade,

But of course that would not be the end. The reply of Canada to the United States would be the same as her reply to Germany. Canada would at once impose a surtax on imports from the United States are double the sales to that country. Nearly the whole of the Canadian market for manufactured goods would almost in a day be transferred to intend the United States are double the sales to that country. Nearly the whole of the Canadian market for manufactured goods would almost in a day be transferred to intend the United States are double the sales to that country. Nearly the whole of the Canadian market for manufactured goods would almost in a day be transferred to intend the United States.

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the two countries, because our purchases from the United States are double the sales to that country. Nearly the whole of the Canadian market for manufactured goods would almost in a day be transferred to Great Britain and the continent. The United States manufacturers would lose several dollars worth of market for every dollar that would be lost to Canadian producers. The tariff war would cause loss and inconvenience to both countries, but it would have the effect of bringing Canada into still closer trade relations with Great Britain.

Statements are sent out from Washington that the Canadian tariff is higher on the average than that of the United States. This is to prepare the public mind for an unpleasant situation. The excuse will go to the public before the event. But the statement based on the average rate of duty, paid on the total of imports is either misleading or useless. Nohing bearing on this matter is proved by a statement of the average duty paid on all the imports. This can be easily proved by ilustration.

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A little later the Globe took it all back. It explained that there were "no grounds for suspecting that "either Mr. Young or his partner, Mr. M. J. O'Brien, had "any improper relations with the government in this "matter." The Globe added: "If the department possessed, these information it snould have possessed, these "investors had no means of profiting by it. The price "tendered was what a mining speculator might be explained to the properly, region of the profit of the properly, region of the profit of the pr

When The Standard was established the late established that it was not alter the fact that the President is likely to act on his view of the case, and that Canada cannot hesistate a moment in applying the like prisciple of surfax. Our people would do well to prepare to meet these conditions, so that the situation will not take them by surprise.

MR. TWEEDDALE CAUGHT AGAIN.

If Mr. Tweeddale is capable of learning anything three or four more experiences will teach him to be more castious about making false chark him to year he charged that a government officer was write the words "Tweeddale lies." This criticism was more rude than inaccurate. The only that that conduction that the man employed in the mill was a brother of the man employed in the mill was a brother of energy days and public officer. The more of the man employed in the mill was a brother of the public officer.

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MR. O. S. CROCKET, M.P. SPEAKS AT TORONTO

Warm Praise for Member for House --- Toronto Conservatives in Annual Convention

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

The annual meeting of the Centre York Conservative Association was held in the Labor Temple on Saturday afternoon. The occasion was marked by telling speeches by Capt. Tom Wallace, the member for Centre York; Mr. O. S. Crocket, M.P. (York, N.B.); Mr. Alex. McCowan, M.P.P., and others. Officers for the ensuing year were elected and delegates chosen to attend the great Conservative convention at Ottawa next June.

Mr. W. P. Pugsley, reeve of Richmond Hill, acted as chairman in the absence of Dr. Robinson, of Kleinburg. Capt. Tom Wallace was given a rousing reception. He first touched upon the Government's Naval Bill, which he considered was a first step towards the severance of Canada from the Motherland. He condemned the rash declaration of the member for South Huron, that Canada didn't owe the Motherland anything. The attitude of the Opposition, he said, was

government had first represented. This, he characterized, as fraud and graft. Of the public works that the government had constructed in his own province, New Brunswick, there was not one, he affirmed, that wasn rotten from beginning to end. Annewspapers there had received thousands of dollars for assistance and cordoning grafters who trafficked in pullic works.

"These things," said Mr. Crocket, i closing, "are only a few of the scandals, any one of which, if properly exposed, would, earn the severest condemnation of the electors."

Mr. W. R. Smyth, M.P. for Algoms, termed the Ottawa government the most corrupt existing under the sun. He commended the vigilance of Mr. Crocket in the Public Accounts Committee, and explained the latest scandal in connection with the investigation of the bursting of a government dam in the vicinity of Hastings,

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SEARCHING FOR BODY OF L. R. MACLAREN

Charlottetown, N. E. I., March 15. Two divers engaged by C. R. McLaren, of Moncton, brother of L. R. McLaren, are searching Murray River today for the latter's body.

The S. S. Minto returned last night from Magdalenes, where she delivered mails from here on Saturday afternoon. Considerable ice is reported from the Eas Point to Georgetown, and but little on the south side of Magdalenes.

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