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THE OPPOSITION, THE TARIFF AND TRADE.

The budget debate affords a member a favorable opportunity to say what he may have to say about things in general without much regard to relevancy or connection. This no doubt explains the erratic meandering of Mr. Foster on Thursday afternoon.

If Mr. Foster prefers a time of increasing exports and decreasing imports, he should be entirely and unreservedly happy under the conditions we have been experiencing during the late months.

On fiscal matters, Mr. Foster had two criticisms to offer. First he charged the Government with reducing the tariff. To prove that this was design from the tariff, he quoted from speeches of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues when in Opposition calling for tariff reduction.

In this clear-cut definite fashion, Mr. Foster took issue with the Government, and it must be remembered that in speaking he spoke as the accredited financial critic and fiscal policy manufacturer of the Opposition. Mr. Borden and his followers stand therefore as assailants of the Government because the Government has reduced the tariff.

The balance of trade was the second fiscal question that worried the Opposition critic. He was troubled because we have been getting more than we gave, because our income has been more than our outgo, because our imports have exceeded our exports.

bring enough money to meet his probable requirements until settled in the country. But thousands of the new comers bring not dollars but fortunes. Thousands more bring furniture, stock and implements. All this swells the volume of our annual imports without cost to the country.

It is free trade in the British can be represented to the people of the United States as a failure the double purpose will be gained of encouraging the commercial aspirations and of prejudicing them against tariff reductions. The Canadian Associated Press fell early into bad hands, and was speedily degenerated into a donkey engine for the high tariff party in Canada.

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THE OTHER SIDE.

Canadians generally learn of British politics through the medium of Associated Press despatches, and despatches of the Associated Press are permitted to present only one picture of British politics—the picture of the British electors have turned toward the wall, steadily, persistently, and without any intermission.

These were the two men directly and personally responsible for the administration of the timber resources. If information was wanted they were the men to give it, and the only men who could give it in full. If the resources had been squandered these were the men who knew about it.

Why this refusal to receive information from the only men competent to give it? One explanation is alone possible—that the information would be unfavorable to the high tariff party. Mr. Ames and his friends have been unceasingly mouthing for months past, had there been any hope that the information would confirm the stories Mr. Greenway and Mr. Turfitt would have been the first witnesses summoned by the authors.

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AN ENORMOUS WESTERN FOREST RESERVE.

The Federal Government will set aside the whole eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains from the International boundary as far north as valuable timber is found as a national reserve for all time. This was the welcome announcement made by the Minister of Agriculture at the meeting of the Dominion Forestry Convention in Montreal last week.

Turfitt demanded to be heard. Again Mr. Adams declined to call him. These were the two men directly and personally responsible for the administration of the timber resources. If information was wanted they were the men to give it, and the only men who could give it in full.

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THE H. B. ROUTE.

Senator Power doubts if the greater portion of the Western crop taken out by the Hudson Bay route before the close of navigation. Well, suppose not? It is not proposed to suppress the present routes, merely to supplement them by a shorter and cheaper line.

THE RIGHT COURSE.

Toronto News.—The Dominion government shows wisdom in rushing the construction of the national transcontinental railway. The prosecution of public undertakings in times of industrial reaction provides work for the unemployed and helps to keep the financial and commercial machinery of the country in motion.

followed the destruction of the forest areas. Provinces of Asia Minor once a symphony from the same cause. By cool Sileas's shady rill, How sweet the lily blows. Was once a picture true to life, but no longer so. The shade was destroyed, the rill had long since dried up, the lilies drooped and died and a parched and empty landscape is the solemn monument to a day and people who knew not the climatic value of forests.

A "HIGH LEVEL" PROPOSAL.

The C.P.R. do not approve the bridge plans proposed by the twin cities. Instead they offer a traffic deck forty feet lower than the rails, to be used by street car and other traffic. As the rail level will itself be several feet below the hill top, this means that the proposed traffic deck would be from fifty to sixty feet below the level.

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lantic tidewater to the prairies; that since 1904 we have built ten post office buildings ranging in cost from \$8,900 to \$114,000; that we are now building thirty-one more ranging in cost from \$5,000 to \$487,000; that the combined cost of other public buildings equals the total cost of these; that we spent millions to change the Intercolonial from a mismanaged train-line into a solvent railway system; that we have equipped our coast lines with wharves and docks; that we have broken the power of railway monopoly in Western Canada by assistance to competitors; that we have established two new provinces, endowed them, and brought the subsidies of the others up to a margin of respectable subsistence; that we have opened new trade routes, found new markets and rejuvenated the national commerce; that we have printed a denunciatory pamphlet from Mr. Foster and his colleagues by the car-load delivered at a cost of \$257 per minute; that all this is being done from the proceeds of a tariff which bears less weight on the consumer than that contrived by the ex-Minister of Finance, and while actually reducing the per capita debt he piled on the people of the country.

CHOKED BY BIG BEAR.

Fierce Fight of Weaponeer Man Who Killed Large and Maddened Animal. Grand Forks, B.C., Mar. 19.—Such a display of physical strength as was witnessed here by a group of men and death combat completely unknown here Dubs and a young Scotlander named Alex. Campbell, were cutting cordwood in the forest. Campbell was upon a bear's den and seeing what they supposed was the bear's nose projecting through the big opening of a log, he advanced and with a blow of his axe struck a savage blow at the supposed bear's nose with his bare axe blade.

Test of Submarine Boat.

Bridgeport, Conn., March 18.—A special test of the submarine boat built by the United States navy, was made today at the Black Rock Harbor today under direction of a special officer. The object of the test being to demonstrate the ability of the craft to maintain an even keel, the boat was submerged and driven ahead in thirty feet of water for thirty minutes. The boat returned early this afternoon and the naval board returned to Washington to report to the secretary of the navy.

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The winter should be long enough as a rule for the transaction of the business of the Canadian parliament. They can begin a little earlier if they must, but they should be through by the twenty-fourth of May. Not so very long ago parliament could begin late in January and accomplish something very like that feat. If they began early in November, they should accomplish it now. The long winter debate accomplishes nothing which the rapid-fire debate would not, except to waste the people's money and the patience of the press gallery.

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CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

Chicago, March 18.—Light rain and strong winds made a good situation in the cash market. Prices were generally 10 to 15 higher. Business was active in bulk of the supply and the hands. New top prices were \$6.50. Cows and calves sold steadily to strong demand. A few common cows were hardly a sheep and lambs sold strong. The receipts of cattle were 16,000, which was a much lighter supply than the trade expected. A demand proved unusually strong. Everything desirable in killing was quickly bought up. Veal sold freely and some not so extra good in quality reached \$6.

THE PIONEER'S CROP.

Flax has peculiar claims to title of "The Pioneer's Crop," the most suitable of all crops for growing at first breaking of a prairie. Where flax is sown on broken land, it has no competitors. A pioneer farmer derives a revenue from land the first year, and the effectually rots the soil, so as to be ploughing in the ordinary de the autumn. Then it can be seen later that the other crop, wheat, and the matter, more quickly, and the settler, taking up land in the spring, may not be able to put his land for a wheat crop in the seeding. Farmers who have a portion of their land in the flax, sowing wheat, barley and oats, sow the flax seed after the crops are in. In this way, the flax plant is tender in the spring, easily injured by the frost, but far less liable to injury from cause in autumn. The best are said to be obtained in the spring wheat in the flax. In the 25th of May, although good crops have been obtained from seed sown in the middle of June and later.

Last year the spring was very and the growing season, the wheat crop suffered severely in many sections of the Northwest. In Alberta from the province of Saskatchewan where most of the flax is raised, the flax was grown in the 1907 was 1,264,716 bushels of flax, as compared with 710,638 bushels the year 1906. In Alberta in 1907 was 1,264,716 bushels of flax, as compared with 710,638 bushels the year 1906. In Alberta in 1907 was 1,264,716 bushels of flax, as compared with 710,638 bushels the year 1906.

MILKING MACHINE.

St. Louis, Mo., March 18.—A milking machine was recently exhibited in Missouri at the St. Louis Exposition. It was a new machine, capable of milking cows at one time. A herd of five cows was milked in one hour by this machine. It is a very simple machine, and is solving the help problem of dairy farms.

SEE A CHANCE OF BEATING MR. BRYAN.

Democrat Who Oppose Him Are Elected to Johnson's Candidature.—son Rose From a Poor Boy to Governor—Is Still Poor.

Washington, March 18.—While friends of William J. Bryan ridiculed the idea that the action of the Democratic Convention in endorsing Governor Johnson for the nomination of Bryan in Denver will have any effect upon Bryan's canvass, there is no denying the fact that the enemies of Bryan are encouraged greatly by the result of the vote in the Democratic convention in Denver.

There are many of the Bryan leaders here who are bitterly opposed to Bryan's nomination at Denver. To this time, however, Bryan has not been divided and have made no progress, as no candidate forthcoming on which to concentrate against the Bryan movement.

These men have got out their list of delegates and begun to figure upon the possibility of knocking the count so far as Bryan was concerned and by throwing him over for a conservative choice of their own choice.

They believe that if Governor Johnson should be able to capture the gates from the two Dakotas and cousin, where he is known and is considered to be popular, the chances of defeating Bryan would be very good.

DIFFERENCE IN PROCEDURE.

The procedure in Democratic elections differs from the Republican National Convention to the extent that the delegates are elected by the party to nominate the Democratic candidate, while a majority of the delegates is that required in the Republican convention.