

Canada is Too Prosperous To Have Tariff Revision

Duty to Be Raised on Steel Rails But Nothing More This Year.

Ottawa, April 8.—(World Staff Correspondent)—With the budget speech due this Thursday, it is taken for granted that Hon. W. S. Fielding, after consultation with his colleagues, has the well-known circles. It is learned that the duty on steel rails will be adjusted so that the rate of proper quality can be made in Canada. Tests up to the present time have not been satisfactory to the government, but the prospects are bright. As for everything else, it is practically settled that there will be no revision of the tariff this session.

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The arguments used by Liberal politicians to re-enforce this position are numerous. They declare the country is prosperous, that it will be time enough to relieve financial distress when the times come, and to call the tariff into requisition when prosperity is waning to leave the government without a political expediency in the wayward of the government.

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In No. 16, the Liberal headquarters, a discussion is discussed freely. The manufacturers' deputation is criticized. Their demands were too extensive. Besides, they were not in accordance with the schedules. They lost ground with the government in not being frank. It is just possible, however, that in what shape is not clear.

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The British preference will remain on. It is not possible to make a break in this direction. The eve of election would be a good time. It might be decided to do so.

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The best sugar men can expect nothing. The government declares they are sufficiently protected. The combined efforts of the cane manufacturers to kill beet sugar production. In the past, the government has been getting much Canadian grain, but it was not until that this was altogether due to the causal tolls imposed in Canada. He thought the demand of the marine men were more sectional than national. Altogether he was of the opinion that the troubles complained of should be inquired into, and the real cause of grain going to United States ports discovered. This is a matter for the transportation commission, and to it the question must be referred.

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The House had the resolution today, lasting less than one hour and being adjourned on motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The resolution was introduced by Mr. Borden. It was a motion that a select committee be named to look into the operation of the Dominion Election Act and all the bills introduced this session, suggesting amendments in order to make the act more effective. The matter came up when Mr. Charlton's bill to amend the act was presented to committee. Sir Wilfrid said that when the bill had just been discussed, he suggested a select committee of the House be chosen to look into the operation of the act. He announced that it was the intention of the government to proceed with this suggestion at the Easter recess. Mr. Borden's silence gave assent to the proposal.

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Mr. Borden's silence gave assent to the proposal. Mr. Charlton then went on to explain the main clause of his bill, which he thought would check a check on corruption. He mentioned the North-Southwest, Rhode Island, where voters had been put up at auction at a high price. His contention was that that price had been exceeded in Canada in some late elections. While Canada did not auction, he said, we had a system that amounted to the same thing. If something was wrong, he said, it was to be corrected by the sanction of the ballot and even of obligation would be dispensed through the ballot. He suggested that the proposed committee be given the task of stamping out corrupt practices. He favored Mr. Borden's own suggestion in every riding to watch election cases. This idea might be adopted by the proposed committee, he said, to prevent the mockery of saw-offs would be done away with.

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Just before the House rose Sir Wilfrid said that on Tuesday next he proposed to take up the redistribution bill. Mr. Borden: That will be quite satisfactory.

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The following bills were introduced: Respecting Montreal Fire Insurance Law; to incorporate Brockville and Northwestern Railway Company; to incorporate the Dominion of Canada Improvement Co.; to incorporate the Dominion Burglar Guaranty Co.; Bicklerdike; to incorporate Shipping Federation of Canada; Bicklerdike. Mr. Charlton's bill re railway subsidies was read a third time and passed. Mr. Bicklerdike introduced his bill respecting incorporated companies. It was read a first time.

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Mr. Puttee presented his bill to amend the Conciliation Act. He explained it was similar to one that was introduced last session seeking to increase the utility of the Conciliation Act. It was read a first time.

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Send Up Home Rule Bill. Sir Wilfrid moved that the resolution re home rule be engrossed and sent to the King. Mr. Borden: I would like to send it to the Governor-General and request him to lay it at the foot of the throne of the King. It will be presented to Lord Minto by the Privy Councilors.

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Mr. Borden asked when the report of the petty cargo commission might be expected to be brought down. Mr. Borden: It is not yet ready. The tests were yet to be made. Mr. Borden: That the report would be forthcoming at an early date. There is a widespread feeling among the members of the House that the commission has been a failure. The long life is to give it a chance to declare that no suitable cut-off can be got, and hence, that the Railway Act cannot be changed.

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In reply to a question from Mr. Borden, Sir Wilfrid said that he was not ready to give the House the names of the members of the Transportation

REDMOND FAVORS LAND BILL

With All Its Defects, as a Measure It Will Do Much Good.

GIVE IT A FAIR TRIAL, ANYWAY.

Home Rule Must Not Be Mentioned—King Will Be Welcomed in Ireland.

London, April 8.—John Redmond, the Irish leader, made an important speech at Dublin tonight, in which he welcomed the Irish Land Bill. In spite of its great defects, as the first measure proposed by an English ministry having the avowed object of carrying into effect the policy of Parnell and the Land League.

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Mr. Redmond said he did not wish to forestall the decision of the coming national convention at Dublin. The latter's acceptance of the bill would mean that the convention would mean that both Secretary Wyndham and his bill would disappear. He knew what he was saying when he said that in this regard the position of the government, Mr. Wyndham and of the land bill were all weak. He deprecated any mixing up of the questions of land and home rule. He believed that the settlement of the land question would remove the most formidable obstacle on the road to home rule, but the suggestion made by some Liberals that the Irish Land Bill should be accompanied by a measure of home rule was dangerous, and the suggestion was likely to wreck the bill. He considered that Ireland ought to be prepared to give Mr. Wyndham a fair trial to deal with the question a fair trial.

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Mr. GAMBLER—Now, I'm surprised at that Globe man wonderin' why someone don't get a "passion for righteousness" and break in and "pinch us." How can they when we get a system like that.

Powerful Rival For Bell

In the Telephone Field

Ottawa, April 8.—(Special).—The Bell Telephone Company's exclusive franchise for Ottawa expires next Wednesday, April 17. The news has gone abroad that an American concern is out after the business. Thomas Ditt, M.P. (Ottawa), presented their petition for incorporation to the House today. The petition is as follows: To the hon. the House of Commons of Canada, in parliament assembled: Reuben Alexander Zimmerman of the City of Scranton, in the State of Pennsylvania, one of the United States of America, counsellor at law; Frederick Warnke, of said City of Scranton, mine owner, and Francis Joseph Leonard, of said City of Philadelphia, in the said State of Pennsylvania, electrical engineer, jointly sheweth:

1. That your petitioners are desirous of obliquing a charter incorporating them under the name of the Canadian Telephone and Telegraph Company, Limited.

2. That your petitioners are desirous that such a charter incorporating them should be so framed as to give them the right to construct, install and operate telephone and telegraph lines throughout the Dominion of Canada, and for such other powers as may be necessary and incidental to the undertaking.

Wherefore your petitioners humbly pray that your honorable body may be pleased to assent to an act incorporating them under the name of the Canadian Telephone and Telegraph Company, Limited, with the powers and authority hereinbefore set forth, and your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

Dated at Ottawa, this 17th day of April, A.D. 1908. Reuben Alexander Zimmerman, Frederick Warnke, Francis Joseph Leonard.

This announcement has created a stir in municipal politics. The city is in a state of excitement, and a great effort is being made by the council to the up the capital for another five or ten years with the Bell. The chief objection against the petition is that no Canadian names appear on it.

TO SECURE YONGE-STREET BRIDGE. Montreal, April 8.—(Special).—Mayor Urquhart, Assessment Commissioner Fleming and Controller Richardson of Toronto waited upon General Manager Hayes of the G.T.R. to-day in connection with the Grand Trunk's property at Yonge-street, the question of a bridge there, and the Esplanade and John-street crossings. They were discussed at length, but it is understood no final decision was reached regarding any of them.

Separation is Due Ireland

Thinks Dr. Goldwin Smith

Dr. Goldwin Smith, who has been under the weather for some time, comes out this week in a rather startling way. He declares that at the present moment he would be inclined to vote for the independence of Ireland. This may perhaps be regarded as a counsel of despair. The By-stander has always been opposed to home rule for Ireland. He has written many articles to that effect. He spoke against home rule at one meeting at least in Toronto. Even in "The Sun" of this week he says: "It is a counsel of despair. The By-stander's unshaken opinion that the natural, the safest and the happiest relation for the two islands is that of complete national unity, not precluding of course the delegation of really local questions to authorities unmistakably local. In the wisdom and permanence of any political settlement between this and complete independence he has never been able to bring himself to believe." He argues that there is no middle course between a legislative union and independence. A federation of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland would be an unending catalogue of the lesser states.

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