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NEW TARIFF A POWERFUL TRADE INSTRUMENT

Aimed to Promote Canadian Trade and Favor Mother Country--General, Intermediate, and Preferential Duties the Plan--Intermediate Tariff is an Invitation for Tariff Favors from Other Countries--Some Retaliatory Possibilities--The Changes in Detail--Mr. Fielding Announces a Surplus of \$13,000,000 for Nine Months.

Ottawa, Nov. 29.—The new Canadian customs tariff was introduced by the Hon. W. S. Fielding in the house today along with his financial statement. It is to be a three column tariff comprising "general tariff," intermediate tariff, and British preferential tariff.

The general tariff is applicable to all foreign countries and to British colonies and possessions not entitled to the benefit of the British preferential tariff. The intermediate tariff for the present will not apply to any country. The government intend treating it as a standing offer for other countries to enter into negotiations for reciprocal concessions in trade.

The rate of one-third reduction under the British preference has been abandoned and a separate preferential rate is established for each item in the tariff. On the whole the preference in favor of British goods slightly exceeds that of one-third reduction from the general tariff. In some cases it is less and in some more, in some instances, it was thought advisable in the interests of Canadian industries or of the revenue to give a lower preference than one-third. In a number of cases a preference is granted to Great Britain by placing a small duty against foreign countries on articles formerly free and retaining them on the free list when importing them from Britain.

Mr. Fielding went on to say that the surplus of \$13,000,000 for the past current fiscal year and that for the nine months of the current fiscal period on which we were working the revenue, he predicted, will be about \$65,000,000 and the expenditures \$52,000,000, leaving a surplus of \$13,000,000. When all expenditures, capital and otherwise, are provided for there will be a surplus of \$1,500,000 to be deducted from the public debt.

Hon. Mr. Fielding. In moving the house in committee of ways and means, Hon. Mr. Fielding said: "I feel all will join in congratulation upon the great and continued prosperity of the Dominion. We have had a series of good years, and it is not too much to say that never at any previous moment in the history of Canada was there greater prosperity than at present. Here and there are business difficulties, but we believe they will pass away."

"I am informed that the expenditure on consolidated fund for the nine months to March 31 will not exceed \$29,000,000. We should, therefore, have a surplus for the nine months of \$13,000,000. The capital and special charges for the period I have placed at \$12,500,000, so we will have a balance of \$300,000 in our favor."

It would be well to wait till Canada has a larger population before attempting to force manufactures in some lines. Tin plate is a case in point. With regard to the grouping of the tariff, items have been classified as follows: 1. Animals, agricultural products, fish, food products.

THE COUNTERSTROKE By AMBROSE PRATT Author of "Vigorous Daunt, Billionaire." (Continued.) "A real sweet boy," said Francine, "he hates this island bitterly. He has all ways been shut up here. He is very clever, I think; he knows all about science and electricity, and that sort of thing. I have heard him argue with the Count—who is a very learned man. Frank, to do him justice—but each time Desire held his own. Desire works early and late in that book-house, only coming out for his health's sake, for his grandfather has promised him, if the boat is a success, that he shall go to some university in England."

ame Kathelin Vyvada. "So?" she commended. "I have come in search of you." "For what purpose?" he demanded roughly, for on sight of her every bud of feeling in his heart had mounted upon its perch and it was in his mind to kill her, since she might bar the slender chance of their escape. Madame held up a large key. "My father sleeps at last," she said, "and I have procured this key. The servants are now at breakfast. You must slip down secretly to the beach and with this key unlock one of the boats. You should get an hour's start at least. More I cannot do for you, Frank. I have risked my life in doing this much, Go, dear, go!"

last a trembling hand was laid upon his shoulder, and a faltering voice whispered in his ear, "I was so jealous, Frank!" Starting to his feet he seized the girl, his eyes aglow again with hope. "Francine!" he cried, and strained her to him, but she pushed herself away. "I could not let you kiss me after this!" Next moment they were speeding seawards down the steps.

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struggle, and had abandoned herself to despair. Crossing him she saw the Count give a stern order: "No, do not shoot! After them! Take them alive!" Putting forth his utmost strength, he strained at the oars, but the boat was huge and cumbersome, the oars were heavy, long, and difficult to manage. He saw the negroes enter the other boat and push from the beach. He marked their course, four strong men at the oars. They passed him wide, but bent on heading him off. Accompanying their purpose they stopped and