

OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

Government's Vigorous Defense of its Policy Astonishes All its Opponents.

Sir Charles Tupper's Exciting Campaign—Liberals Anxious to Vindicate Their Loyalty.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—The wearisome debate on the address is finished and from this out the house may be expected to get down to solid work. What with the crisis and the address it has taken just three weeks to clear the decks for action. The address itself was characterized by a few good speeches, and from a party standpoint the Conservatives undoubtedly came out ahead. The government planted firmly the banner of remedial legislation and defended its policy with a vigor which astonished even those of their supporters who do not love this measure. After a speech made by Sir C. H. Tupper, in which he lucidly explained the position of the government on the school question, an Ontario member who had avowed himself an opponent of remedial legislation remarked to me that he supposed he and his friends would have to swallow the pill.

LIBERAL SILENCE ON SCHOOL QUESTION.

The Liberals are still behind the lines of Torres Vedras. There seems to have been a tacit understanding on the part of the Liberals not to say anything on this question, as day after day passed and not one of them ventured to give his opinion. Not until the last day of the address did Mr. Tarte arise, contrary to it is said to the express wishes of his leader, and give his opinion. In doing so he, to quote an old but trite expression, literally "put his foot in it." He shifted from Mr. Laurier's ground for a commission and urged that a committee of the house be appointed to investigate the school question. It has since transpired that in doing this Mr. Tarte was unauthorized by his party, and they are giving him "Hail Columbia" for putting them in a false position. Much as some Conservatives may dislike the remedial bill there are many Liberals who are equally opposed to it. The Rouges are between the devil and the deep sea in this matter, because it will be no easy task for them to defend before their constituents a vote against remedial legislation. Not unnaturally there is a "let us see" as to the scope of the bill, and a statement by the government that its provisions will be acceptable to Protestants and Catholics alike, it will be gratifying to every well wisher of Canada who desires to see religious questions which are calculated to endanger the very existence of confederation, buried in the tomb of oblivion.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER'S ELECTION.

Great interest is being manifested in Sir Charles Tupper's election in Cape Breton county. The opposition to the secretary of State is purely factious, and shows how much the Liberals hate him when they send such an array of speakers into the constituency and furnish the speakers with unlimited cash in order to subvert the electors. Sir Charles Tupper will be in parliament, however, the second week in February, and it will be a sorry day for the Grits when he gets there. Notwithstanding the efforts which the Opposition are putting forth it is confidently expected that he will have 500 majority. His speeches in the county are splendid reading. There is a stirring ring about them which does one good. Despite his seventy-five years, seemingly Sir Charles Tupper has renewed his youth, and when he comes to take the reins of power and lead the Liberal-Conservative hosts in the general elections he will put up a fight the like of which has not been seen in Canada for many a long day. In response to questions submitted to him the Secretary of State was explicit on the school policy of the government. He believed in adhering to the constitution, and will be found to be an ardent and out-and-out advocate of remedial legislation. Sir Charles is also a warm advocate of the union of Newfoundland with Canada, and it would not be a matter of surprise, if, in the event of Sir Charles Tupper becoming premier, this question should have become a live topic once more. Then there are the great Imperial projects of the Pacific cable and the fast Atlantic service, of which Sir Charles Tupper is a warm advocate. Sir Mackenzie Bowell deserves the greatest credit for the manner in which he has pressed these two great enterprises, and in Sir Charles Tupper he will have an earnest and able coadjutor.

OPENING UP FORMOSA.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The Japanese legation in this city to-day received an important cablegram from the Foreign Office of Japan, with directions to make it public, by the terms of which the rich land of Formosa, which Japan acquired from China, will be opened up to trade and commerce. The declaration is as follows: "Order and tranquility having been established in Formosa the Japanese government grants the following privileges and facilities to the subjects, citizens and vessels of treaty powers being in or resorting to Formosa: 1. The subjects and citizens of powers having commercial treaties with Japan may reside in Formosa at Tamsui, Keelung, Amping, Taiwanf and Takao, and vessels of such powers may visit and carry cargo to and from the ports and harbors of Tamsui, Keelung, Amping and Takao. 2. Notwithstanding the exceptional condition of affairs treaties of commerce and tariff arrangements now in force between Japan and other powers are, so far as they are applicable, extended to the subjects, citizens and vessels of such powers being in or resorting to Formosa, it being at the same time understood that all persons availing themselves of the above enumerated privileges and facilities shall obey all decrees and regulations which may at any time be in force in Formosa. Since the acquisition of Formosa by Japan there has been considerable speculation by merchants and others interested in the Oriental trade as to the policy Japan would pursue, and the above cablegram indicates the purpose of the government of the Mikado to be an enlightened one, having for its object the free development of the industries and commerce of the island. It is supposed that trading vessels in the Pacific will arrange hereafter for regular stops at some of the ports.

A DISCREDITED STORY. BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE.

The Remedial Bill—Hon. Dr. Montague in Bad Faith—Inquiring McMullen.

Discussing the Controversy—Second Reading of the Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway Bill.

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OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—A story from Toronto that Archbishop Walsh will shortly issue a letter declaring it to be his conviction that the Manitoba school question occupies a secondary place to other issues in Federal politics, is discredited here. Another statement that His Excellency and Hon. Mr. Laurier had written the Archbishop to take the step suggested in the interests of "peace among the sects," almost carries its refutation on its face. Mr. Laurier was asked by your correspondent to-night as to the accuracy of the report, and gave it a most emphatic contradiction. The remedial bill was again under consideration in council to-day when, it is said, the measure was got into something like ship-shape for presentation to parliament. Hon. Dr. Montague is in very bad faith and goes to New York to-morrow to consult a specialist. An interesting discussion took place in the House of Commons to-night relative to the status of controllers, Mr. Laurier contending that Hon. Messrs. Wood and Prior in their present positions are not responsible to the house, though the act says that they are the parliamentary heads of their departments. Hon. Mr. Dickey showed that there was nothing in the act creating controllerships to prevent the occupants of the positions being also cabinet ministers. Mr. McMullen has a number of questions on the order paper regarding the carriage of mails in the Cariboo and Yale districts. Mr. Mara's bill respecting the Nelson and Fort Sheppard Railway received a second reading to-day. Twenty-eight appointments were made to the public service during the eleven days the dissident ministers were out.

A GREAT LUMBER TRUST.

Every Mill on the Coast Included—General Effect of Its Completion.

Will Augment the Property of Mill-owners by Over a Million Dollars.

PORT TOWNSEND, Feb. 3.—The biggest trust ever formed on the Pacific Coast, and representing a capital of over \$70,000,000, has been consummated and has gone into effect. It is the Central Lumber Co. of California and its membership includes every lumber mill, all shingle owners, wholesale and retail dealers of the western coast of the United States and British Columbia. All charters of vessels and sales of lumber must be effected through the Central Lumber Co., which regulates freight and puts the buying and selling price on the lumber, regulating also the product of each mill, and the proportionate amount of lumber each vessel shall carry during the year. Not only are markets of the Pacific Coast thus controlled, but the lumber shipments to foreign countries are placed under the same restrictions. Every mill on the coast has its product regulated. On Puget Sound the daily output is 1,400,000 feet. In the same proportion every other mill on the Coast is regulated, but the regulations do not apply to shipments by rail to Eastern points. The first order issued by the company was to advance the price of lumber \$2 per thousand. Last year the estimated product of the Coast was 600,000,000 feet, and this advance will enhance the profits to mill owners the coming year over \$1,000,000. The deal was made to include manufacturers, dealers and freight carriers. Members of the trust claim they have been manufacturing lumber for several years at actual cost, and that the dealers in foreign and coastwise markets were reaping all the profits. Under the new prices, they say, the employees will be paid better wages and the lumbermen receive higher prices for their logs. Although capitalized at \$10,000, no other corporation on the Pacific coast controls such vast interests as the Central Lumber company. More than 150 ocean sailing vessels come under its control.

THE KAISER IS DETERMINED.

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—A high official of the Colonial Society informed the Associated Press correspondent that the Emperor William is firmly determined to carry out the project of doubling the size of the German navy. This official has had repeated conversations with the Emperor William on this subject during the past three weeks, and asserts that during the coming summer the plan of the reorganization of the German navy will be drawn up. The present programme for slowly enlarging the navy must remain in force for the next three years, but in the meanwhile the new plan will be adopted, the preliminary steps taken and the means to execute it will be secured. His Majesty is convinced that it is absolutely necessary to secure to Germany permanently her position as a great power, not simply as a rising colonial power, hence all the Emperor's energies will be directed to this end. Something, however, must be done immediately, and if the present Reichstag refuses to grant a sum for the building and equipment of the fleet of fast cruisers, the nation will be appealed to. An attempt will be made to raise money for this purpose by popular subscription. It is further stated that Prince Bismarck has expressed to the Emperor his opinion that the Emperor should be more correct, in an essential division." (Prolonged cheers greeted this utterance.)

New York, Feb. 4.—The London correspondent of the Sun commenting on Mr. Balfour's speech to the House of Commons, says: "Mr. Balfour's speech was even more remarkable than Lord Salisbury's extraordinary utterance of last Friday. The Prime Minister undertook to do a thing which is a novel one in the history of British statesmen, and he did both those things, and talked further about England's modesty and unselfishness in language so softly innocent or innocently soft, that one is in doubt whether to ascribe him of harmless irony or to conclude that the Salisbury cabinet is trembling in the face of some terrible combination of Great Britain's enemies. "How, for instance, shall we interpret such words as these: 'My hope for the future is largely founded on the fact that the British Empire, whatever else it is, is not a selfish empire. If we have acquired sovereignty over large tracts of the earth's surface, at all events we rule those tracts in no narrow or selfish spirit. Neither do I think we are animated by an spirit of jealousy against other nations.'" Dwelling on Mr. Balfour's protestations with reference to Russia and a commercial outlet for that power on the Pacific, the Sun correspondent says: "This doctrine, as all the world knows, is absolutely new to British policy and diplomacy. Especially is it novel in its application to the case in point. Great Britain has been uncompromising in opposition to a Russian outlook in the Pacific. All Europe will speculate over this amazing change of front. Does it mean that Lord Salisbury already realizes that he has been hopelessly defeated in the far East as he has been in Turkey? or are these sweet words intended as a desperate overture to Russia to match the surprising concessions to France in Siam a fortnight ago? Lord Salisbury on Friday gloried in Britain's isolation. Mr. Balfour to-night searched the universe with anxious pleadings for a friend."

THE WORLD'S FAIR TESTS showed no baking powder so pure or so great in leavening power as the Royal.

Fire at Gananouque. GANANOQUE, Feb. 3.—The skating rink here was burned down on Saturday. It was owned by C. E. Britton, and was valued at \$14,000. D. J. Lloyd, livery stable keeper, was also burned out. His losses are \$12,000, without insurance.

HALIFAX, Feb. 3.—Lady Kenny, mother of Mr. Kenny, M.P., is dead.

One Honest Man.

DEAR EDITOR.—Please inform your readers, that if written to confidentially I will mail in a sealed letter, particulars of a genuine, honest home cure by which I was permanently restored to health and vigor after years of suffering from nervous debility. I was robbed and swindled by the quacks until I nearly lost my mind, but thank heaven, I am now well, vigorous and strong, and wish to make this certain means of cure known to all sufferers. I have nothing to sell, and want no money, but being a firm believer in the universal brotherhood of man, I am desirous of helping the unfortunate to regain their health and happiness. Perfect secrecy assured. Address with stamp:—L. A. Edwards, Jarvis, Ont.

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