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THE STUMPAGE DEBATE.

The house is to be congratulated upon the ability and good temper displayed in the stumpage debate. The three days devoted to it were not lost, for the issue is now before the people in its proper light. Mr. Blair's exposition of the course pursued by the government is masterly, and in an entire answer to the charge of inconsistency so persistently made against him by his opponents. He showed that the desire on the part of the government to meet the reasonable wishes of the lumbermen was no new notion, the outcome of a political emergency, but that repeated efforts had been made before the election to arrive at an understanding by which the burden of the stumpage tax could be lightened. In his opening speech, which we give in full here, he covered the ground very thoroughly and gave reasons that the government made it an undertaking by which the burden of the stumpage tax could be lightened. In his opening speech, which we give in full here, he covered the ground very thoroughly and gave reasons that the government made it an undertaking by which the burden of the stumpage tax could be lightened.

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From a political standpoint the opposition is very poor showing by its attitude on this question. They are under no obligation to formulate a policy and might well have allowed the vote to be taken upon the resolution without interposing an amendment, which nothing but the presence of the stumpage issue would have prevented. If it is possible for men to use language strong enough to commit themselves to anything, the opposition leaders, either upon the floor of the house or rather in the newspaper organs, have distinctly avowed themselves favorable to reduction. But what ought to be absolutely conclusive against them are the overtures made on their behalf by Messrs. Hanington and Stevens. It is idle for any one to pretend that in making these, the gentlemen named had not the full countenance and approval of the members whom they expected to act in concert with them. Unless they knew that all the opposition members elect would stand by them in agreeing to reduce the stumpage to 40 cents per thousand, they never would have made the offer to the Northumberland members. It is simply a waste of words to pretend otherwise. Yet now they ask the country to give them credit for sincerity in opposing a remission of 25 cents per thousand, and to undergo an examination of the whole question.

We surrender a great deal of space to the debate, but as it has been magnified into a matter of great importance, our readers will be glad of the opportunity of reading the arguments.

The immense majority with which the government was sustained will be gratifying to the public at large, seeing that a defeat would have compelled a change of administration. The more the opposition in its personnel and principles, or rather lack of principles, is considered, the inexpediency of such a change becomes more evident. The most disinterested person who heard the debate must have been satisfied that there is only one bond of union between the opponents of the government, namely a desire for office. We do not include all those who voted against stumpage remission in this character, the reference being to the avowed opponents. These gentlemen differ on every subject but one, namely the desire to oust the government and to establish in its place a government of their own.

HON. MR. TWEEDIE made an admirable defence of his course in taking office in the government. He established the fact beyond question that he was perfectly free to do so, and that he and his colleagues were never in sympathy with the opposition. He was reticent as to the propositions made to him on behalf of the opposition, because they were made in confidence; but this very reticence taken in connection with the statements of Messrs. O'Brien and Robinson and the absence of any explicit denial on the part of the opposition leaders shows that so far as Mr. Stewart could do so he was prepared to commit the opposition to any terms Mr. Tweedie might impose.

The sensation of the week in European politics is the resignation of Prince Bismarck of all his offices and his retirement to private life. Germany without Bismarck will seem something like the play of Hamlet with the part of the Prince of Denmark omitted; but one never can tell. Even the greatest men drop out not only of public life but of the world without leaving a gap. The significant thing in Bismarck's case is that his resignation is due to a disagreement with the Emperor on a question of policy. Bismarck has labored to preserve the peace of Europe, and now that his life will no longer prevail it is hard to tell what to expect.

The Pope is taking a great interest in the forthcoming labor conference at Berlin, and it is freely stated in political circles that his object is to put the Roman Catholic church at the head of the great labor reform. HERALD readers will remember that in commenting on the Baltimore conference, we expressed the opinion that there was more probability of papacy taking a new lease of vigorous life than of its passing into a state in which its influence would be nominal, and we indicated the labor question as one of those upon which it would shortly assert itself.

The United States House Committee on Foreign Relations has reported a resolution to the effect that when Canada shall signify a desire for reciprocity the President may forthwith proceed to conclude such a treaty.

Under the new banking act, arrangements are to be made for the bills of Canadian banks to be accepted at par all over the Dominion; also, for the speedy redemption of the bills of suspended banks.

Almost sixty gentlemen voted against the government's stumpage resolution, it would be a mistake to think that the strength of the opposition is sixteen. It is less than that.

The Temiscouic railway company have offered to accept the Short Line subsidy, and build the proposed line from Edmundston to Moncton.

A WARREN—Frank Adams of Montreal, charged with selling Louisiana Lottery tickets, was recently fined twenty dollars of thirty days jail.

FOREIGN NEWS.

A Summary of the Press Telegrams from All Parts of the World.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have started for Berlin.

The Sultan of Lahore, India, will visit Emperor William.

A Virginia school teacher fatally stabbed a refractory pupil.

Rich gold discoveries have been made in the Mexican State of Durango.

Advices from Texas say that live stock of all kinds are dying for lack of water.

Six murderers made their escape from the Schenectady, N. Y., jail a few days ago.

A photographer in Vienna is said to have discovered a process of photographing natural colors.

Live stock in Texas are suffering greatly from the long drought, and there are fears of heavy losses.

Chicago carpenters are threatening to strike for eight hours work per day and forty cents per hour.

Henry Davis, a "blue-gummed" Negro bit a white man in Alabama, and the man died from poisoning.

Thirteen thousand German miners have sent their thanks to the Kaiser for his interest in workingmen.

The mercury fell below freezing point in Florida on Sunday night, and vegetables and oranges were slightly injured.

The pope expresses a willingness to act as mediator to bring about the simultaneous disarmament of the European nations.

The Liberal candidates for Guyana or the Nova Scotia Legislature, are Otto S. Westcott, James A. Fraser, re-nominated.

Old Gabriel, a mission Indian, who is said to have been 130 years of age, died on Sunday at the Monterey county, Cal., poorhouse.

Miss Regina Rothschild left Port Townsend, Washington, on Monday night to race around the world against George Francis Train.

A syndicate of Americans has purchased the lease of the Olympia Theatre, London, which they purpose transforming into an ice skating rink.

A man named Oscar Hill died on Sunday in Clay county, Ala., in intense agony from the effects of the bite of a negro inflicted four months ago.

The condition of agriculture in Kansas is declared by the Farmers' Alliance of that state to be alarming, and immediate legislative relief is absolutely necessary.

If a popular proverb be not wholly at fault, the most appropriate States for the permanent location of that Louisiana lottery would be the state of matrimony.

The floods in the Southern States continue, doing immense damage. At Rosedale, Miss., negroes were discovered breaking the levee and were shot by the guard.

Clubs have increased rapidly in New York, and it is estimated that they now have an active membership of 100,000. Every club has an ambition to get a building on Fifth avenue.

A large majority of the Kansas farmers see nothing but ruin before them if the mortgages under which their land groans are foreclosed, as is threatened. They are petitioning Congress for relief.

A woman in St. Louis, Mo., while insane from insomnia, smothered her four months' old child between the mattresses of her bed and then opened the veins of her wrists with suicidal intent.

The Paris Siecle says 30,000 of the King of Dahomey's troops are about the French garrison at Kotonou, on the coast of the Bight of Benin, and that reinforcements for the French are urgently needed.

A report, it is said, will be made in the United States Congress on the marine subsidy bill, recommending a policy of concessions to the merchant marine. A mileage subsidy of 30 cents per mile sailed is proposed.

It is said that the Guatemalan General Barrodino is preparing a revolution against President Barrios, and has forces on Mexican soil near the Guatemalan frontier. The Mexican Government will not allow Mexico's neutrality to be violated.

Jung Ling, a Chinese laundryman of Boston, drew a \$15,000 prize in a lottery in February. He entrusted the money to another chinaman, Joe Tighe, to deposit for him. Joe did not deposit the money, and his whereabouts are unknown.

A quick-witted reply was that given by a witness at the close of a tedious cross-examination. "Now tell me how many sheep you ever saw, under oath, now remember." "I never saw a sheep under oath," replied the witness, which closed the cross-examination.

The catlemen on the Cherokee strip, Indian Territory, are completely routed by the boomers in their fences, cut, grass burned, cattle stampeded and their ranges completely destroyed, for the near future at least. The President has issued a proclamation authorizing the use of troops to eject the boomers.

Bishop Shanley, of North Dakota, at the cathedral at Philadelphia lately told a pitiful story of the privations and sufferings of the Chippewa Indians occupying the reservation at the northern part of his diocese. He charges the government with having stolen eleven million acres of land from the Indians, and sent its owners to the coldest and bleakest spot in the country.

The 2,000 young cattle that were shipped from Ontario last year to Quorn ranch have done so well this winter that the owners have contracted for 3,000 head for next summer, and the stock on the range stood the winter much better than it was expected to do. No losses whatever have been reported from the district between Willow Creek and Red Deer River, North Calgary.

On Saturday night the gambling houses at Council Bluffs, Iowa, were closed for the first time in years. The movement against the gamblers began with the citizens' ticket, which was elected by an overwhelming majority two weeks ago. Immediately afterwards the business men of the city organized an Anti-Gamblers League. The gamblers decided to move out without a day. The gambling element has dominated in the city for years.

It is reported from Japan that a drug-gist of Hikone has succeeded in converting cotton wool into a substance possessing all the essential qualities of silk. The new material has been tried in a number of silk factories with excellent results, and a Company is about to be formed to work it. It is not at all improbable that if science continues indefatigably to advance at its present rate it will be possible to make a silk purse out of a sow's ear.

It says to be a hero in this age. The time seems to be passing when those who perform great deeds have to wait for their reward in some other clime.

Henry M. Stanley is an example of the hero who is not only without honor for his achievements while he lives, but is not without pecuniary reward as well. It is said he expects to receive \$150,000 for his forthcoming lectures in England, and as much more for those which he is to deliver in this country. In addition to this compensation he will probably reap a large amount of money for the sale of his new book of travels.

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