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LONDON, THURSDAY, FEB. 23.

A VICTORIOUS POLICY.

"I have had occasion to be associated with many public matters in this House, and I may say that never was there a public matter with which I was associated as to which I would be better prepared to go before the people from ocean to ocean and look for a triumphant victory.—Hon. W. S. Fielding.

Mr. Fielding is not given to extravagant assertions, and even his enemies admit that he means what he says. The reciprocity pact was initiated by Washington, but if the Canadian Government had been looking for an issue on which to win an election it could not have found a better one.

Any legislation touching the tariff is bound to make a disturbance in the country. One protected interest, says an American philosopher, will make more noise than 99,000,000 ultimate consumers. In the present case there is a great clamor in a few quarters—some of it sincere no doubt, but behind the Government are the farmers of the country, not so vocal as the anti-reciprocity forces nor so well-organized as the tariffed interests, but a decisive factor on election day. The Government on the reciprocity question could sweep the Prairie Provinces, the Maritime Provinces and Quebec. In British Columbia they have only one seat to lose and would probably make gains. In Ontario they would have nothing to fear with the bulk of the farmers on their side. Toronto and Hamilton are making most of the noise, and there are no Liberal seats to be lost in either city. Liberals who look at the situation from a purely partisan standpoint could wish for no better luck than reciprocity as the paramount issue of the next election, but in all likelihood the Opposition will deny them this favor.

"MAKING THE HOWL."

The reciprocity issue has got into nerve, but how the following verse got into the Hamilton Spectator is perhaps an office secret:

Free our lucious garden of fruit?
Free all produce of the farm?
Free our stock of slaughtered hares?
This cause for just alarm.
For what would our independence be
If we foster reciprocity?

"This is hold up on the largest scale. This purloining the people's own. Then work. This barrier scheme must fail. That might cripple Britain's throne. For what would our independence be should we foster reciprocity?"

"Art and Labour have in the wage, And if Canada neglects it, This gift of deliverance to dredge She may spill the word, annex For what would her independence be Should she foster reciprocity?"

Then let us mention it right here. The Yanks will call it out. But local hearts will see quite clear. 'Tis a menace to Connaught. For what would her independence be Should we foster reciprocity?"

Metinks we hear the Lion's growl, And we hear the Eagle scream. Now have, the time to make the howl, For what will our independence be If we foster reciprocity?"

We hear the sound of cannons roar. The guns that ever speak. Britain's sons will make the roar. That breaks the Eagle's break. For what will our independence be If we foster reciprocity?"

We shall not be accused of party prejudice in saying that this is not divine poetry. It reflects the average mentality of those who are raising the loyalty cry. But it has one noticeable line:

"Now, boys, 'tis time to make the howl!"

There is a touch of political, if not poetical, inspiration in this. The boys "made the howl" over the navy question, but the echoes died away some months ago, and the party managers think it is time for another. The word has gone forth to "make the howl" again. There is a good deal more vigor than originality in the performance. Why not try to find a new howl for the boys? The loyalty cry has been heard since the days of their great grandfathers. It seems to run in the political family like wooden legs. The present generation heard it in 1891, in 1896 when the Boer war was on, in 1904 when Tarte was the hovey, and in 1910 when the Opposition changed its naval tune in a night. Its revival this year shows a woeful lack of invention. But the boys are to be at least congratulated on finding a poet laureate.

"COMRADES."

The alliance of the Nationalists and the regular Opposition at Ottawa is now in working order.

When the reciprocity agreement was published Mr. Monk gave it a qualified approval, and Mr. Bourassa, in doing so, indirectly in a series of articles in Le Devoir. In less than three weeks Mr. Monk executed a volte-face, and moved an amendment in the House to postpone consideration of reciprocity. It was plainly a want-of-confidence motion, and enabled the Opposition to vote unitarily with the Nationalists.

Yesterday Mr. Monk further developed his strategy by moving a resolution to emphasize the obvious by affirming the determination of the House to keep the bonds of the Empire intact. There could, of course, be no objection to the sentiment of the motion, but coming from Mr. Monk it was transparently a stage play, designed to light, and further cement the relations between the Nationalists and the Opposition.

The Imperial idea was flouted by the Nationalists in Drummond and Arthursville, but they are not above using it for a party purpose. If they sincerely wished to wipe out the memory of their unfortunate speeches in Quebec their tactics in the House of Commons would be welcomed by all parties. But Mr. Monk's course unhappily does not indicate a change of heart or mind. It merely indicates that he can change his tricks.

Mr. Monk might as well have moved in the House that two and two make four.

There is a truth in the rumor that anti-reciprocity financiers in this country intend to boycott Wall Street.

Adam Beck has been elected a director of the National Horse Show Association of New York. "Tractor!"

Perhaps Mr. Whitney uses strong language to cover the workings in his cabinet, especially Duff and Pyrie.

Those who are fighting against the Canadian farmers on the reciprocity issue would be repentant if the farmers carried the cry into Africa.

Mr. Asquith got 124 majority and an ovation on his last reading of the anti-reciprocity bill. The condition may be a thing of shreds and patches, but it appears to be well sewn together.

Where did The Advertiser get the notion that the King is responsible to his cabinet?—Hamilton Herald.

Where did The Herald get the notion that the King can do as he pleases, without regard to his cabinet?

It was Billy Maclean's turn to "make the howl" in Parliament yesterday. He might achieve something if he could get the ear of the country as often as he gets the floor of the House.

Mr. Foster spoke (against reciprocity) with a earnestness of conviction. Hamilton Spectator.

So that when he wrote in favor of reciprocity two months ago he was not earnest and not convinced. The association of earnestness and conviction with Mr. Foster's name is ludicrous, anyway.

Mr. A. B. Greer says he will have to close his works in twelve months if the reciprocity agreement goes through. Even the biggest Canadian concerns, he says, cannot stand against the Americans in any line. Mr. Greer demonstrates his own statement by this illustration:

"Take that car there. I got a thousand for it over here. Across the line they get \$1,600 for that very car. Well, supposing I wanted to sell that car to Chicago. Do you think they charge me duty on my selling price? Not at all. I would have to pay duty on \$1,600."

Mr. Greer, as an excellent business man, will, of course, admit that if he can make a car that sells for \$1,000 in Canada, and yields him a profit, he has nothing to fear from competition with a country where the same car sells for \$1,600. If the car sold for \$600 less in the United States, he would have some argument.

A VULGAR PASTIME.
[Glengarry Herald.]
"Heavily, motorizing is quite common now. We are seeing a lot of motor cars running around with us."

THAT TERRIBLE STRAIN.
[Glengarry Herald.]
"Think of the strain on the imperial system. The genuine imperial bond that held an unbreakable strands of love and the commercial bond of imperial trade which shows that unless the mother country pays as much for her wheat as she pays anybody else, we will drift away from her."

A VETERAN.
[Glengarry Herald.]
"I have the cross-examination did not seem to worry you. Have you had any previous experience in this line?"
Chief Justice.

ACCEPTED.
[Glengarry Herald.]
"Post. Will you accept this poem at your regular rate?"
Editor: I guess so. It appears to contain nothing objectionable. Go to the advertisement department and ask them what the rates are. How many lines do you want it inserted?

APPENDICITIS EPIDEMIC.
[Whitby Record.]
It is a curious fact that appendicitis is an epidemic in certain Alliance east of and adjacent to Windsor, and much of the work of the city's surgeons consists in carrying the members, which it has been placed in the human economy in order to provide a job for the surgeons. The prevalence of this disease and its cause would make a very interesting subject of inquiry for a pathologist. The strange coincidence of foreign bodies into the appendix has been given as the cause, but the finding of any solid matter in the diseased case, it is ever. What are the conditions in Belle River and Tecumseh, for example, that render the appendix of their inhabitants liable to attack? Dr. Bamson, if the Record remembers rightly,

CUTTING PROFITS.

"Where did you get your fur coat, doctor?" asked one of his patients. "I got this when Mr. Bourassa had one made."—The Ontario Record.

IN NO HURRY.

A Kingston old lady, whose visiting a prison, said to one of the inmates, "I suppose you will be glad when your time is up?"
"Not so very." "Not glad? Why not?"
"I'm here for coping with the society girl, and my wife will be waiting for me outside."

VICAR OF ONE PARISH 71 YEARS.

[London Evening Standard.]
The Rev. Henry Martin Sherwood, who recently completed 71 years as vicar of the parish of White Ladies, Aston, has placed his resignation in the hands of the Bishop of Worcester.

Mr. Sherwood was graduated from Oxford 36 years ago and was ordained deacon in 1876. He accepted the living of White Ladies in 1879, and four years later was appointed to the incumbency of the parish of White Ladies, which he held until 1883. It is claimed for the retiring vicar that he is the oldest clergyman in the Diocese of Worcester.

"HOT STUFF."

At a recent popular novel.
"He pressed a burning kiss upon either cheek, and straightaway her face became as hot."

RIDICULOUS.

[Punch.]
"I say, old man, you've never returned that umbrella I lent you last week?"
"Hang it all, old man, he reasoned. It's been raining ever since."

SOUVENIRS.

[Judge.]
Hotel Proprietor: Was there anything in the trunk of that fellow who jumped his bill?"
Clerk: I should say so. It was full of our linen and silverware.

IT WOULD BE WORTH SEEING.

[Chicago Record Herald.]
Compulsory domestic service is advocated in Germany. We should like to see them trying to force a compulsory domestic service law if the cook had made up her mind to leave.

MRS. SNOWDEN'S RETORT.

Mrs. Philip Snowden, the English suffragette, was taken to dinner in New York.

The Clumsy Claudes and Reciprocity

[From the Detroit News.]

When Clumsy Claude animated by high resolves, hunted the tray of victuals into the lap of the guest of honor, the surprise was no greater than that caused by Congressman Champ Clark when he blundered over so delicate a matter as the reciprocity question. Ottawa and Washington are still vying the mess from their knees, and are trying to secure the edgery and the olives from the soup, muzzling, mopping, flumming and regretting.

Only a complete misconception of the diplomatic situation on the part of Champ Clark, and an entire ignorance of the temper of the Canadian people could permit him to utter agreement from his seat in Congress at the very moment when the Canadian people are being urged to reject the reciprocity agreement. The reciprocity agreement was being subtly nurtured by the fact, and when London was keyed to a nervous tension in its effort to discover if possible any disrespect to Britain. Not in many years has a situation so sensitive been created as in this unusual diplomatic interchange between the United States and the Greater British colony. Profuse apologies and explanations on the part of the Government at Washington alone can save the reciprocity agreement from being supplanted by suspicion in the British mind.

Champ Clark comes from the middle of the nation, and is far removed as far as time and space are concerned, from the other nation. That the Canadians are much more sensitive to independence, and subtle in their intercourse than the Americans is something that the men of the south don't seem to understand by reason of their remoteness. One cannot discuss annexing Canada with the same jocular flippancy that the Americans use in discussing the annexation of Mexico. The Canadians are not so easily amused. The border will say that it will take place about the time England is annexed. In the meantime our Clumsy Claudes will spill the soup around.

BRITISH COMMONS GIVE OVATION TO ASQUITH

Followers Cheer Him Wildly When Veto Bill First Read.

London, Feb. 22.—Premier Asquith was the recipient of a tremendous ovation from his supporters in the House of Commons tonight when the reciprocity bill, otherwise designed to curtail the power of the Lords, was passed by its first reading by the Government's full majority of 124, the vote being 354 to 227.

The Nationalists first rose in their places, cheering wildly and waving their hats.

The Liberal members, quickly emulating their example, this exhibition of enthusiasm was repeated a few minutes later as the Prime Minister in his initial action against the Lords.

A Unanimous Ovation. The debate today maintained a good order, the dominant note of the day being a unanimous ovation to the Government to settle the matter by agreement. Frederick B. Smith, in a slashing attack, accused the Government of outwitting the conditions of half their fellow-countrymen on a matter that could never be settled except by consent. The British people, he said, would support the Opposition in any resistance, however desperate, they might offer to the bill.

Right Hon. George Wyndham also urged the Government to accept the invitation to settle the question by agreement. He declared he declared, some or later the Opposition would repeat the bill.

To these professions Winston Spencer Churchill, the house secretary, concluding the debate for the Government, declared that the ministers would not have any supporters left if they agreed to enter such a conference now. He concluded by saying that the Government's proposals were the very best, and no step would be taken to carry the bill into law.

The Government did not fear the referendum as a check on progressive legislation, but regarded it as a vehicle, especially unsuitable for this country, and its adoption would lead to Jacobinism, Caesarism and the rule of the clerics of Mr. Churchill's speech came a little scold.

He stated that among the legislative proposals to be considered in addition to the foreign rule would be a measure for creating a fair and evenly constituted second chamber. A chorus of shouts from the Opposition members, "When?"

Mr. Churchill declared that he could not reveal the Government's intentions in answer to a chance question.

THE LIMIT OF STINGINESS.

[Toronto Telegram.]
A young clergyman was complaining to a friend that his congregation was made up of tightwads. "They are so stingy," he said, "that when I ask them to give me a donation, they sing 'The Ninety and Ninety'."

GOOD FOR ONE STRIKE.

[Toronto Telegram.]
It is becoming the rule in our day for a new writer to make a "strike" as it is called, and then to publish before working at a loss. Usually a man gives his view of life, his contribution of local color, in his first novel, and then, having inspired in his mind the idea of a mighty "strike" until it becomes utterly inoperative, he is forced to abandon literature for a more prosaic occupation. The author who keeps everlastingly at it in these times of a "strike" is a journalist of the poorest type.

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You will have to look no further than Chapman's to find all the beautiful blue serges that are the tailor's delight for making into tailored suits. Our 1911 assortment is now ready, including serges and chevots in a wide range of weaves and weights. Every shade of blue may be found from indigo to royal blue. Prices from...75¢ to \$2.00

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A full color range in Motor Veils at 50¢ each. Choice of navy, champagne, gray, rose, brown and black.

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LADIES' CASHMERE HOSE, medium weight, all pure wool, double heels and toes, a quality suitable for present wear. Special value, 35¢ a pair, or 3 pairs \$1.00

LADIES' LISLE HOSE

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Boys' Wool Stockings

Heavy ribbed worsted wool, sizes 8½ to 10. Regular 50¢ quality, on sale at a pair..... 39¢

Children's Little Darling Stocking

Pure lamb's wool, with silk heels and toes. Colors are tan, cardinal, sky, pink, black and cream; sizes 4 to 7. At a pair..... 25¢

February Furniture Sale

Only four days left and we'll make these the biggest days of all. Prices are cut still lower

Many lines have been entirely sold out, but there's lots left to choose from, so if you need Furniture this spring come in now and have us put it away for you at February prices.

Beds, Springs, Mattresses at factory prices for the balance of February.

For this \$35 Oak Buffet. Our \$75 Buffets for...\$50. Our \$40 Buffets for...\$26. Our \$30 Buffets for...\$21. Our \$25 Buffets for...\$17.50

For this \$25 Napoleon Bed, in oak or mahogany veneer. Our \$60 Beds for...\$33. Our \$50 Beds for...\$31. Our \$30 Beds for...\$21

Folding Cart, same as cut, less apron in front. Our \$12.00 Cart...\$8.50. Our \$9.00 Cart...\$5.95. Our \$7.50 Cart...\$4.45

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