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THE BUDGET.

Minister Foster brought down his budget speech in the Dominion Parliament on Friday last. The speech showed the finances of our country to be in a prosperous condition. The receipts last year from all sources had been \$38,772,870, leaving a surplus above expenditure of \$1,900,000 to add to the sinking fund. There was an increase in revenue received from customs of \$2,874,406. With reference to the business prosperity of the country the Minister of Finance said: "The farmers and fishermen have probably had no more, if not something less, than an average year, but taken on the whole their condition is one of fair prosperity and one without the hardships, which are found in many other countries outside of Canada. While the state of trade and the condition of the country within has been so thoroughly satisfactory, as I have said, there has been something done also towards the realization of the hopes which have been entertained for a number of years which were put in a permanent way last year by the generosity of this House—the formation of swift communication between Canada and various other important sections of the world."

The speech embraced provisions for some radical changes in the tariff, made necessary by growth of manufactures and other changed conditions of the country. Corn for ensilage purposes has been placed upon the free list, which, no doubt, will make our member for south Grey, happy. The speech throughout showed that the Government is fostering the interests of its people and building up another great country on this western hemisphere. We are not yet quite ready for annexation to the United States—not quite.

TAKE MR. MEREDITH'S VIEW.

The Toronto Saturday Night, an independent weekly newspaper, referring to the late warm debates in the Legislature upon school matters, expresses the following sensible opinion:

Tuesday's debate on the various bills, relating to Separate Schools, now before the legislature was interestingly unprofitable. No one present was open to conviction, and as to its use as campaign literature I doubt if the legislative wrangle means, if it means anything, that the Opposition are in favor of the abolition of Separate schools, or at least such supervision of them that modern and progressive methods shall take the place of priestcraft—and this means the same thing—for if the Separate Schools were useless as a means of retaining ecclesiastical rule they would be at once abandoned. The Government on the other hand are pretending to protect the individual Catholics while undeniably doing the work of the hierarchy. If the opposition bills are so far behind the present laws in regard to the protection of the Catholic citizens why do the

Church through its mouthpiece, Hon. Mr. Fraser, so bitterly oppose them? Why does he taunt the Opposition with being Orange fanatics, if he has assisted in placing still more stringent laws on the statute books? It makes one tired and sick to listen to such an oratorical east wind. If at the next election the electors divide on the merits of the case and vote as their best judgement and impulses suggest and not as their party prejudices lead, they will take Mr. Meredith's view of the case.

The subject of Canadian barley growing is receiving great attention just at present at the hands of farmers and dealers. The United States is about to impose a heavy duty on imported barley, which will shut it out of their markets. Canada exports annually 11,000,000 bushels to the United States. What will be the result when this market is closed to us? A writer in Tuesday's Empire (whose letter we reprint elsewhere) discusses the matter in a practical manner and advocates the growing of the two-rowed variety for the English market. Our farmer friends would do well to read the letter carefully. The Dominion Government has taken this matter by the forelock and brought to Canada several thousand bushels for distribution, notice of which was given three weeks ago.

After ten years of publication the Stratford Advertiser, printed by Messrs. Pratt & Tracy, has ceased to exist. In their valedictory the publishers say: "There are subscribers on our books owing from one to eight years, the total amount running up to hundreds of dollars." This is what The Advance calls newspaper consumption, and it is fatal in nearly all cases when it once takes a hold. If subscribers will not pay up the paper cannot live, and then, after a paper has ceased, those who owed the printer have the remorseful satisfaction of knowing that they helped—if they only owed fifty cents—to ruin a fellow man in business. Humanity will have more to answer for in this line than it probably is aware of. Do you owe for this paper?

In his speech at Tavistock Mr. Mowat said, "I am not going to discuss Prohibition here." He was as cautious as the colored preacher who said to a white brother who was to occupy his pulpit on Sunday morning: "It will be just as well to make no allusion to stealin' in de sermon dis mo'nin', 'kase it might from a damper on de meetin'."—Canadian Nation.

Literary Notes.

Anna Katharine Green's latest and best story, "The Forsaken Inn," has been brought out in book form by Robert Bonner's Sons. The authoress of "The Leavenworth Case" has always been considered extraordinarily clever in construction of mystifying and exciting plots, but in her latest product she has not only eclipsed even herself in her specialty, but has combined with her story telling gift a fascinating mixture of poetical qualities which make "The Forsaken Inn" a work of such interest that it will not be laid down by an imaginative reader until he has reached the last line of the last chapter. The scene of the story is the Hudson between Albany and Poughkeepsie, and the time is the close of the eighteenth century. In writing her previous books, the authoress carefully planned her work before putting pen to paper, but this story was written in a white heat, and under the spur of a moment of inspiration. The book is charmingly illustrated by Victor Perard.

A word from Mr. Gladstone, on any subject that is of interest to him, is sure of a welcome from Americans generally. But when Mr. Gladstone writes concerning the Book of books, an aged interest attaches to his works in the minds of all. The first of a series of articles on the Bible, from his pen, now appears in The Sunday School Times. Other articles in the series are to be given at intervals of a month. These articles are, by special arrangement with their writer, to appear on the same day in

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The Cosmopolitan for April has been laid upon our table. This number is an exceptionally good one even for this exceptionally good magazine. It opens up with an interesting article on the Fighting Forces of Germany, with the German Emperor as a frontispiece. Miss Bisland gives the first instalment of her Flying Trip Around the World. A new department has been added—a Review of Current Events by Murat Halsted. Other Articles are: The Enchanted Base Ball, Appendicula Vermiformis, In the Land of the White Elephant, Siena's Medieval Festival, George Washington's Last Duel (a story), Eaton Hall, Princeton University, the Academie Julian, Social Problems by Edward Everett Hale, etc., etc., all profusely illustrated. The Cosmopolitan Co., New York: \$2.40 per annum.

A Medalist's View on Barley

To the Editor of THE EMPIRE. SIR,—There is no question of more importance to the Canadian farmer at the present time than the barley question. We find by the report of the directors of agriculture of England and France that the barley product of the world the past season has been about \$25,000,000 bushels, the value of which has been \$775,000,000, being an average of 94c. per bushel. Now, we have been compelled to accept for our barley something less than half this price. The question now arises, "Why are we receiving such a low price for our product?" Is it the fault of our soil and climate and a consequent production of a poor article, or are we idiots or fools, and are swindled out of the average price of the world by shippers and selling in the wrong market? The natural home of barley at moderate elevations is between latitudes 40 and 58. Although it may be grown a little outside of these limits, still the best samples must be grown within these bounds. As we are in this fortunate latitude, our situation second to none, and as we are well inland and have a dry atmosphere, the color of our grain is not surpassed in the world. It must be self-evident, that if we are not receiving the average price of the world for our product the fault must remain with ourselves.

We have for years been growing the old six-rowed variety, until it has deteriorated by thickening and softening of the hull, and consequently is easily colored. Smut has also ruined about one-third of our product this past season. Our common six-rowed barley is not marketable anywhere but in the United States, and as they are growing large quantities of good sample, besides using substitutes, they take particular pleasure in imposing heavy duties upon us, and increasing it from time to time, as they feel their independence of us. We, like idiots, have placed the whip in their hands, and they take pleasure in applying it. Should we, like slaves, fold our arms and say there is no help for this state of affairs, and willingly submit to their impositions, and cringingly beg for commercial union or annexation?

Now, what should be our immediate action in reference to this question of barley? Great Britain is our legitimate market, for our surplus products—"unlimited and free"—but we have practically said in the past we will not deal with the mother country. We prefer being in servitude to the United States and pay tithes to them. Great Britain annually imports 50,000,000 bushels of barley from foreign countries. Our exports only reach about 1,000,000 bushels, and this goes to the United States, so that there is no danger of overproduction even if we grow an unlimited amount and we export to Great Britain. But we must grow the two-rowed variety, as the six-rowed is useless in their market. Can we profitably grow it? I emphatically say "We can," and equal to the British barley. I make this statement from practical experience. I have repeatedly grown the two-rowed barley from imported British seed as good as the seed itself, 54 to 58 lbs. per bushel. A few years

ago I procured chevalier barley, and sowed this four years in succession, producing altogether upward of 3,000 bushels, which averaged in weight 54 lbs. per bushel, although this variety is lighter in weight than several other varieties which I have tested. But this barley produced on medium heavy land five bushels per acre more than the six-rowed variety grown beside it. I am sure that Carter's prize barley, which is being imported by the Government, can be grown 56 lbs. per bushel and upwards, and will command at the very least double the price we are receiving from the Americans. Besides, at the same time we are uniting the link that will bind us more securely to the mother country. "United we stand, divided we fall." Let every agriculturist procure some of the two-rowed barley, so wisely and so generously imported by our Government, which eventually will be the means of shaking the American yoke from off our necks, and we will be able to stand erect like men, true to our country, loyal to our Queen, trusting in Providence; and the clouds, which now temporarily enshroud us, will vanish away. Yours, etc., THOMAS ELMES. Princeton, March 29, 1890.

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