

OUR OTTAWA LETTER

Ottawa, April 1.—The Parliamentarians on emerging from under the tall clock tower the scene which fell under their gaze was one wintry expanse of snow looking more like St. Valentine's Day than the eve of Easter. The legislators were a tired body of men. They had had a hard week's work, a lively and important week, albeit it was not until Wednesday they began. Many of them, however, sat all night Wednesday and half of Thursday, 22 hours in session without a break. The reef upon which the ship of State was temporarily stuck was a little item of \$5,500 in the Estimates for immigration agencies in Europe. The Opposition demanded information which Hon. Mr. Carling said he couldn't give but referred them to Sir Charles Tupper's annual report which was in the printers' hands. Then the Opposition declined to allow the item to pass until Sir Charles Tupper's report was in their hands, asking that the item should stand over a few days. Sir Hector Langevin, who, in the absence of the Premier, was acting leader, refused to accede and declared that the item must go through, promising however that they could discuss it on concurrence. To this objections were raised and on all the points discussion took place. Sir Hector Langevin leaned calmly back, closed his eyes and let the Opposition fire away. They had most of the talking to themselves as they usually do in Committee of Supply, but Dr. Sproule refused to sit still under the changes buried across the floor by Messrs. McMullen, McLoock, Watson, Lister, Dr. Wilson and Patterson of Brant. Mr. Bowell came to the assistance of the Minister and protested against what he termed the badgering of Mr. Carling, to which Mr. Lister retorted that when in Opposition Mr. Bowell had been very good himself at badgering and the Minister of Customs did not deny it.

About two o'clock Dr. Sproule was called to order for asserting that Mr. McMullen was "insolvent" and the Opposition demanded that he be made take it back, at the same time twitting him with designs on the portfolio of Agriculture. The Doctor said McMullen was insolvent and declined to withdraw the expression. Dr. Hickey was acting chairman and several "scenes" ensued, the Opposition yelling "withdraw," "withdraw," and Dr. Sproule continuing some indignant remarks which were inaudible in the uproar. Afterwards Mr. Cook called Mr. Cockburn a "landshark" and withdrew the expression, adding, however, "the cap seems to fit very well." Dr. Sproule was caught a second time and in obedience to the request of Chairman Wood withdrew the offensive expression adding, "but I believe it all the same." At three o'clock Casey insisted on appealing to the Speaker on a point of order and Mr. Speaker was roused from his bed and hastily donning gown and white gloves came into the Chamber rubbing his sleepy eyes. Clerk Bourinot prevailed on Casey to let the point drop, and the Speaker was at liberty to return to slumber. At four o'clock Casey moved that the Committee rise. Sir John Thompson was asleep in his seat and Sir Hector Langevin had only one eye open. The other leaders on both sides were absent. A division was taken showing a Ministerial majority of 14. At length day broke and still they talked on. About ten o'clock Thursday morning those members who were in their beds all night began to come in. Then the night's proceedings were rehearsed, contradicted and reasserted. Finally the Premier agreed to let one item of the immigration estimates stand over until Tupper's report was printed and reserved to the Opposition full liberty of discussion. He made it evident that Sir Hector Langevin had made a mistake but he said he could not allow the minority to humiliate the majority and his proposal would let the Opposition walk out with the honors of war. This was accepted at one o'clock after a continuous session of 22 hours.

The Budget and tariff changes are down at last. The speech of the Minister of Finance was much briefer than last year's. The revenue for the current year he estimated at \$89,200,000 and the expenditure \$96,500,000, leaving a surplus of \$2,700,000. For next year, beginning in July, 1890, he estimated a surplus of \$2,500,000.

The tariff changes are numerous and many of them important. The duty of fifty cents a barrel on flour is increased to 75 cents as additional protection to millers. An additional duty of 2½ cents a pound is placed on woollens, as Mr. Foster said that industry was not prosperous. Mining machinery, manufactured in Canada, is to be admitted free of duty for three years, thus removing the duty of thirty

per cent. Seed corn, for ensilage, is placed on the free list, a concession to farmers. Salt and fresh meats, now bearing a duty of one cent a pound, are raised to three cents. Bacon, ham, pork, now taxed one cent per pound, are raised to one and a half cents, and prepared meats from two to three cents. Tried lard, now two cents, is raised to three, and untried lard from one and a half to two cents. Live cattle, hogs and sheep are raised from twenty to thirty per cent. Home ground cornmeal is to have a rebate of duty of 90 per cent. of the original duty paid. Molasses, now bearing 15 per cent., is lowered one-half and a duty of 1½ cents per gallon is imposed when imported direct from the place of production. The duties removed two years ago from fruits, trees and shrubs are re-imposed.

Sir Richard Cartwright in his reply contended that there was great distress in the country and that these changes would increase it. He was followed by Hon. Mr. Colby and Messrs. Patterson, Peter White, Charlton, and Ferguson of Welland. Mr. McMullen resumes the debate to-day.

The annual dinner of the Press Gallery came off at the Russell House Saturday evening and was a great success. The journalists and their guests numbered sixty or seventy. Several of the Ministers, Mr. Laurier and many Commoners were present.

DESTITUTE DAKOTA.

A WARNING TO CANADIAN SETTLERS.

The Governor of South Dakota accompanied a deputation from that State which visited St. Paul last Wednesday, for the purpose of securing aid for the destitute farmers of the State. The deputation met the St. Paul joint relief committee, and among its speakers was Judge Holdridge, of Miner county, who said:

"Those who represented there was abundance in his section of the country were certainly egregiously mistaken. He had lived in Miner county nine years and knew every man in it, and spoke with perfect knowledge of the situation. The county commissioners had devoted nearly all of their time gratuitously to this matter. Statistics showed that last year wheat raised in that county averaged only one bushel to the acre, corn one bushel and flax one bushel. There were practically no oats at all, and potatoes averaged only ten bushels. Grass, which was depended on for fuel by many, was almost a total failure also. The people are poor. * * * It was owing to the contributions from the outside that the people lived through the winter, and in the teeth of all statements to the contrary he declared that if it had not been for the generosity of the outside people and the railroads, and if they had an ordinary cold winter, hundreds would have perished by hunger and cold. Not one farmer out of five has seed, and they don't know where to get it."

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MELITA, Man., Mch. 20, '90.

Editor Standard:

DEAR SIR,—I arrived home safe, after visiting Wingham, Brampton, Toronto, Peterboro and Ottawa districts. While at Brampton I went out to the stock farms of Messrs. J. G. & J. C. Snell's. After looking through their stock I purchased a Berkshire sow, one year old, from the gold medal herd of J. G. Snell & Bros., which will be another addition to the thoroughbred stock of the Melita district. I induced Mr. William Ferguson of Peterboro, to purchase a Clydesdale Stallion, imported by Mr. John Millar the noted stock man of Brougham, Ont. Business is good here now, fine mild weather, temperature from 21 to 40 above in day time. Best wishes for the friends at Markdale.

Yours truly,
Geo. L. Dodds.

Avoid Delicate Subjects.

In his speech at Tavistock Mr. Mowat said, "I am 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 one Sunday morning. "It will be just as well to make no allusion to stealin' in de sermon dis mo'nin', 'kase it might flow a damper on de meetin'."

TWO MEN TESTIFY.

GENTLEMEN.—One bottle of Hagar's Yellow Oil cured me of lumbago after all else failed: Peter A. Watson, Four Falls, N. Y.

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