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# MR. FIELDING REPORTS

Tariff Resolutions of a Sweeping Character.

Free Trade Between United States and Canada Will Obtain on Natural Products and Foodstuffs-Printing Machinery Is Free and Reductions on Many Other Articles-A Bad Step, Says Borden.

Ottawa, Jan. 27 .- Not since 1896 has the Parliament of Canada been confronted with such a situation as that. presented by Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance yesterday, when on a motion to go into committee on ways and means for raising supply, communicated the result of the recent conferences at Ottawa and Washington on the question of reciprocal trade with the United States. The statement of the Minister of Finance was to the effect that an understanding had been reached with the repre sentatives of the United States, and provided that an arrangement had been reached with the republic covering articles to be granted free entry into both countries and those subject to a common duty.

It was a historical episode. It was the first appearance of the Minister of Finance in the House of Commons this session, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier himself took occasion to leave the House and escort his chief lieutenant into the chamber. The galleries were crowded with eager, impatient listeners. Mr. Fielding spoke for nearly two hours with remarkable vivacity

and power. Mr. Fielding presented to Parlia-ment the basis of an agreement with the United States not a treaty, but simply an exchange of letters, whereby both countries agree to adopt reciprocal and mutual legislation with respect to certain articles of exchange which are enumerated in schedules. Some are free, some are dutiable. Under the arrangement the legislative tribunals in each are free to deal with this and extraneous questions as are then deemed advisable. The agreement is neither binding or permanent, but founded, as the Minister of Finance said, "on mutual faith, mutual good will, mutual conviction that the thing is best for the benefit of both coun-

The fact is obvious that it is a sing-ular departure from the accepted policy of Canada, if not a reversal to the condition faced twenty years ago, when the Dominion embarked on an independent policy in fiscal mat-ters with a view of building up home

The remark of the leader of the Opposition pointed out the instability of arrangement, and seemed to be inclined to the view that in the final analysis it was a matter of directing Canadian trade east and west, instead of north and south. The debate was adjourned after Mr. Borden spoke, ind in the meanwhile an opportuit will be given to inquire into the advantages or otherwise of the proposed measure of reciprocal trade. Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of

Finance, in moving the House into committee on ways and means, said: "The action of this Government in consenting to reopen negotiations with a view to bringing about if possible a satisfactory reciprocal trade arrangement, has been very severely criticied in many quarters... From that fact we may properly infer that there must be some people in this Dominion of Canada who hold the opinion that the commercial policy of the ninety-two million people who live south of us is of no concern to the inhabitants of this Dominion.

"The ninety-two million people to the south are willing to acknowledge that they are interested in the commercial policy of Canada, and we, representing eight million people, are not ashamed to confess that we have the deepest concern in the policy which these people may adopt in relation to their commerce with the world at large. It is because we have that feeling that there is a mutual interest, that we have entered upon the negotiations as to which it is my privilege

sador at Washington, who assisted the negotiations directly between representatives of Canada and the United States. He said Mr. Bryce had given his cordial sympathy and cooperation at every step. Mr. Fielding then reviewed the tariff "war scare" of last spring, saying that while some persons believed President Taft never would have applied the maximum tariff to Canada, the President was helpless and Canada merely gave him a decent excuse for avoiding it by making concessions which were of no

earthly importance." Mr. Fielding, proceeding, said that early in the proceedings at Ottawa it was decided if anything was done it should be in the nature of nutual legislation, and not in the binding

form of a treaty.
"It will, therefore, be found in the document which I shall read presently to the House. If this arrangement commends itself to your judgement and is found to be advantageous, it will continue, but if on reasonable them. Its eves are apt to turn The breezy, cheerful life—not averable to Canada, the Government whimsically upon its own vagar-shallow nor frivolous, but with and the Parliament of to-day are abies, too, and note its own incon- the "saving sense of humor" and the Parliament of to-day are abthe arrangement, and nobody will have any right to complain."

"The next point is that we have arranged that there shall be a large free list. We have agreed upon a schedule containing a large number of articles which are to be reciprocally free. These are chiefly what are called natural products, though there are some things in them which would be hardly classified in that way.

"In another schedule we have provided a rather numerous list of items on which there shall be a common rate of duty in both countries."

R. L. Borden: "If it is not in the nature of a treaty, how is this arrangement to be carried out?"

Mr. Fielding: "My hon. friend will

see as I proceed, it is not a binding

treaty in any shape or form. The arrangements rests on mutual faith, mutual conviction that the thing is for the benefit of the two countries. Before dealing with the schedules in detail, I want to give an illustration how we have been able to reach com-

mon ground. Mr. Fielding then moved, in part: That it is expedient to amend the ustoms tariff of 1907, and to provide us follows:

(1) That the articles, the growth, product or manufacture of the United States, specified in schedule A, shall be admitted into Canada free of luty, when imported from the United

(2) That the articles, the growth, product or manufacture of the United States, specified in schedules B. and D, shall be admitted into Canada upon payment of the rates of duty specified in the said schedules, when mported from the United States. That the advantages hereby granted to the United States shall extend

which may be entitled thereto, under the provisions of any treaty or convention with his majesty. That the advantages hereby granted to the United States shall extend to the United Kingdom and the several British colonies and possessions with

to any and every other foreign power

The elaborate schedules of which the following is a summary were then presented:

respect to their commerce with Can-

The chief feature of the proposed tariff agreement with the United States is the removal of all duties on both sides of the border on the bulk of what is known as natural products. Among the items on which the tariff duties are to be swept away entirely are cattle, horses and mules, swine, sheep and lambs, poultry dead and alive, wheat, rice, oats, barley, buckwheat, beans, dried peas, potatoes, butter, cheese, milk, cream, eggs, honey, fresh and salted fish, vegetables, fresh fruit and several varieties of dried fruits. This means in effect, if Congress accepts the view of I resident Taft and his advisers, that the United States definitely abandons the policy of protecting the food producers of that country, leaving the doors open to Canada, the only country from which foods of the sort mentioned can be obtained to supplement the home supply. In meats of various sorts, although the duties are not entirely removed, there are very maerial reductions, while flour will bear a duty of 50 cents per barrel on both sides of the line, and oatmeal 50 cents per 100 pounds.

Among/the priscellaneous articles of importance other than foodstuffs on which duties are entirely removed by both countries are hay, lumber, coke, certain classes of steel rods, typesetting and typecasting machines, cottonseed oil, ties, telegraph poles, wooden staves, pickets and palings... Considerable reductions are made

in the agricultural implement schedule, a uniform scale of duties on both side having been arranged. Among the more important reductions in the Canadian duties are farm wagons, harvesters and mowers, 22 per cent; plows, harrows, drills, horse cultivators, thrashing machines hay-loaders, patent augers, feed-cutters, grain-crushers, familing mills, hay tedders and farm or field rollers,

5 per cent. reduction. There is a lengthy list of reductions on various products of the mine, the most important being a decrease of the Canadian duty on bituminous coal from 53 to 45 cents per ton. The revenue loss from this will be large, over eight million tons of bituminous coal having been imported last year. This would mean about \$640,000 in reduced

duties on coal. The people of Ontario now pay most of the soft coal duties. R. L. Borden arose amid Conservative cheers shortly after 5 o'clock. He said this question was one of the deepest moment to Canada, being practi cally a proposal for a new Canadian tariff. It would dislocate trade greatly, but no man could now say how

far this dislocation might proceed. The Finance Minister had spoken the importance of cultivating trade with the hundred million people to the south: What about the trade of the three or four hundred million people under the British flug: Was not that trade the first consideration?

Think U. S. Will Kill It. Montreal, Jan. 27.-The Washington Mr. Fielding paid a tribute to the services of Mr. Bryce, British ambas-ple wanted to know the worst or the ple wanted to know the worst or the best. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy declined to be interviewed, as he wanted to read the schedule before pro-

nouncing, himself. Mr. Robert Meighen, president of the Lake of the Woods Milling Co., says a serious blow has been struck at the Canadian milling industry, while F. M. Thompson of the Ogilvie

Co. would not be quoted. General Manager Jones of the Cement Co. figures that the duty will be lowered five cents per barrel, but says they will be doing business at the old stand.

The manufacturers, are evidently pleased that they were not struck with greater severity, although everybody will admit the seriousness of the milling situation. They think, how-ever, that it will be all the same in the end, as the United States Senate will surely kill the measure.

License Inspector Dead.

Mount Forest, Jan. 27.-Josiah Hampton, license inspector for East Wellington, died at his home here on Wednesday night from heart trouble, following an attack of la grippe. He was 77 years old, a prominent Conservative in politics, having contested the riding of East Wellington twice for the Legislature. Was mayor of the town for several terms, and represented the town at county council, being warden at one time.

Route For the Welland. St. Catharines, Jan. 27.—That the route for the new Welland canal has been definitely decided upon, and that the work of construction is going to start pretty soon seems evident from the fact that engineers are now at work at Jordan Harbor, which is to be the northern terminus of the new waterway. The engineers are and also a member of the Provin-making test holes to find a good bot- cial Board of Health, says he le-tom which looks aignificant.

## Standard's Weekly Montreal Letter

Electricity for Steam on Quebec's Railways.—Agitation over the Tariff—Noiseless Business in Montreal—The Gambling Trust

New Cocaine Bill.

Montreal, Jan. 30th.-Although

Canada's loss by forest fires was

far less this past year than on any previous year, and although her secord through many years has been much better than her neighhours' in the United States, concerted efforts are now under way to mimimize in a practical manner the many dangers which, from one source or another, beset her timher wealthy. At the forestry convention, which was presided over by Earl Grey in Quebec, many opinions were expressed by noted foresters from all parts of the country on the advisability of strengthening the laws with a view to protecting the forests, but t was eventually decided that willing cooperation on the part of those who are vitally interested in and partly responsible for timber destruction would do more for conservation of this kind than any law ever promulgated. Therefore it may be safely said that it, will not be many months before the Province of Quebec will have a plan of campaign drawn up in which the railways, contractors, settlers, hunters and the general public, who make use of the forest tins ic areas will play their parts in the battle against fire. The railways have been asked to figure out the cost of replacing steam by electricity, and Sir Lomer Gouin, has hinted that he would be in favor of granting no charters for new roads in Northern Quebec unless bill while they were equipped with electricity. RECIPROCITY AND MANUFAC-

Although the reciprocity negoti ations at Washington are over, and interest in the subject is not so much to the fore as it was some weeks ago, it hardly seems out of place to call attention to some of the prophecies which were made at the banquet of the Canadian Manufacturers' Associa tion here, when some of the best known men of the country down to dine together. That there are subjects of agitation in the present left we proved totally inhiber was evident from the tone inhiber it coping with the evil, of the speeches. Hon. Mr. Lemieux, Mr. R. L. Borden, Sir E. B. Walker, Mr. Donald Magmaster and Mr. Charles M. Hays; each had something striking to say and each expressed his opinion habit frankly. The reciprocity negotia trankly. The reciprocity negotial and the side and his men are albetween farmers and manufacturers, the closer linking of langeria ers, the closer linking of Imperia bonds, and Hon. Mr. Lemieux's honds, and Hon. Mr. Lemieux's loquent description of harmony the bonds and gambling trust, under the British flar in South which for in the here for years ununder the British flag in South which to refer here for years un-Africa were all subjects of keen in molesters in been broken up, has terest to the more than 300 cap retired in peclusion, Brady was tains of industry who attended the all

banquet. CAMPAIGNS AGAINST NOISE

There have been intermitten ing campaigns against whistling tug hoats on the Lachine canal it the middle of the night, there have been strenuous objections to the railways shunting and tooting chille freight and passenger cars in the gao wee small hours of the morning, \$100 there have been plaints laid before the City Council concerning keeper fore the City Council concerning keeper which is or sells liquor to the ashman and his horrid distances in taking up the gard-age. It is on conviction to a age at dawn, but there has never been a campaign against noise i the down town district of the city, guilly in the offices where men work their giving prisiling tobacco to a boy brains for bread. But the noise less office is on the way just the ed si same. In some of the larger of fices, where fifteen and twenty typists are employed hammering away at their machines from morning till night, the noise is deafening. Until lately it was accepted as a necessary evil, but now, through the ingenuity of man information sum may be increased as sum through the ingenuity of man information child between the noiseless typewriter has made is ages appearance, and where once a mist Babel of clicks and clacks resound- for ed through an office all is as quiet . and as tranquil as a church. took a long time for Samuel Kidder, an American, to perfect a noiseless typewriter machine, and found longer for the invention to reach the percent committing any in Canada. Now the demand for decent lace min be fined \$50 and them is so great that it is possible for the factory at Middletown, Connecticut, to supply half who crimpally assaults a girl unthe required number. To one of a der for recent years of age is liable mechanical turn of mind the noise- to imprisorment for life.

less machine is of great interest. Pistos—in person who, sells for the tranquility it brings. Some or gives a firstel or air-gun or offices at St. James street, and sells conjugation therefor, to a they are busy offices too, are as boy under staten years of age, is quiet as a village store. A BAD FOOD SCARE.

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