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April 26th. After months of anxious
expectation and preceded by much spec-
ulation on the part of business men of all
shades of politics in the Dominion, the
great question of the trade and fiscal
policy of the Liberal government has at
length been disclosed to the country, and
successfully launched upon the sea of
active debate in parliament. That the
consideration of the new tariff will be a
long, and perhaps acrimonious, investi-
gation into its merits and demerits, seems
to be generally accepted.

The feeling which prevailed amongst
the group on the left of the Speaker in
the House, on Thursday afternoon last,
just previous to the delivery of the
budget speech, was plainly one of restless
anticipation. A demeanour of forced
gaiety was taken on by the members of
the opposition then present, and during
the preliminary proceedings of the after-
noon session, a considerable amount of
by-play was indulged in. The venerable
leader of the opposition sat in stony
silence at his desk with a care worn look
and dejected mein, while facetious Foster
at his elbow kept up his own drooping
spirits, and nerved himself for the wordy
conflict by numerous and oftentimes
cheap interjections during the five hours
delivery of the budget.

It was nearly half past four o'clock
when the finance Minister entered the
chamber. His appearance was the signal
for an enthusiastic outburst, and the
gentleman on the right made the chamber
ring with a warm and hearty welcome to
the eloquent and able Nova Scotian who
had in hand that afternoon a herculean
task to perform. And well did he ac-
complish the work. For patriotism the
speech of Mr. Fielding and the tariff he
announced are unexampled in their
practicality—finding its expression in
action as well as in words. By some
peculiar fiction of the imagination the
average Tory holds it a truth that loyalty
exists only in the ranks of his own party.
And now by the irony of fate the party,
which has so long and so indelibly ar-
rogated to itself all the sentiment of loyalty
to be found in Canada, feel the keen
recognition of their brazen boasting in the
announcement of preferential trade with
the mother land. When Mr. Fielding
proposed the special tariff with Great
Britain, which was to go into effect at
once, his declaration was received with
great cheering from the Liberal side of
the House, while on the benches of the
opposition all the guardian and "troofy
lois" sat in grim and sullen silence.

There is much chagrin and bitter
disappointment experienced among the rank
and file of the opposition that the new
tariff does not offer more sweeping and
radical changes towards free trade which
is the accepted trade policy of the Liberal
government. Much of the Tory plan of
attack has been disturbed in conse-
quence. They had made many predic-
tions as to what the proposed new tariff
would be and confidently expected to
a fulfillment of those prophecies when
the liberal trade policy was brought
down. Probably the biggest surprise to
them was in the double schedule of the
tariff—the general tariff and the special
tariff for countries desirous of trading
with us. The latter tariff gives prefer-
ence above all to the products of Great
Britain. But the government being
decidedly averse to the idea of adopting
anything of a retaliatory character
against the United States, has been
working along different lines altogether,
and its purpose was not one of retaliation
but conciliation in regard to Americans.

It has long been foreshadowed that
the new tariff would make no sudden slump
towards low duties. The protection evil
has become so universal throughout the
land, and its influence so widespread that
to suddenly reverse it would mean to
bring disaster upon many an interest
other than that of the protected manu-
facturer and monopolist, which has grown
up under its aegis although not a direct
outcome of it. The decline to a safe and
permanent level of a tariff for revenue
for the purposes of proper and good gov-
ernment, and having an eye towards
reciprocity with such countries as are
willing to enter into reciprocal trade
relations with us, can only be accom-
plished successfully by great deliberation.
To "turn back the universe and make it
yesterday" is not within the limits of
human possibility, but a return to better
things is possible; and by the first steps
now taken the goal of good times, the
liberal administration has made that
return beyond peradventure. The an-
nouncement by the Finance Minister,
during his budget speech that the
government intended strictly to adhere
to the platform adopted as the liberal
policy, at the great convention held in
this city in 1893, ought fully to re-assure
the country of the unalterable determi-
nation of the administration to fulfill, as
far as can be, all the pledges made by
the Liberal party to the electorate on
that occasion.

The changes and reductions in the
tariff, while not numerous or sweeping,

have been made with an eye solely
to lighten the burden on the poor con-
sumer as well as in the true interest of
our country. In respect to the coal oil
duty it had been confidently hoped, and
the wish was farther to the thought, that
the reduction would have been at least
50 per cent instead of about 17 p. c.
only. Although a large reduction or the
total abolition of the coal oil tax would
have been welcomed by the country at
large, yet here also is indicated the
carefulness of the government by not
making a sudden drop in the duties, in
preparing the way for the desired end
which will undoubtedly come at no
distant day.

With the free list practically undistur-
bed, with the boom of free corn, with
large reductions on flour and cornmeal,
with wire fencing and binder twine soon
to take their place on the free list, with
cheaper bread stuffs, cheaper sugar,
cheaper farming implements, thus have
the farmers' and consumers' interests
been conserved, and thus does the com-
mencement of a long term of liberal rule
benefit the household. We may rest
assured in one thing, however, that in
framing this or any other tariff no matter
how perfect it may be or how well cal-
culated to serve the best interests of the
country, the Liberal government need
never hope for a word or a look of com-
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The following bills were passed:

J. S. Warendom, repairs con. H.	\$ 4 00
Jos. Billings, work on Yonge St.	26 00
J. D. McCallum, repair to wagon	4 00
J. Johnston, repair 3rd con.	2 00
T. G. Terry, sewer pipe	187 50
C. Blake, plank	7 50
G. T. R. freight	16 20
H. Potter, gravel	6 40
A. Harris, repair, 7th con.	13 00
J. Garbutt, repair 8th con.	10 50
J. Thompson, unloading sewer pipe	2 50
A. Wellar, repair to cart	1 50
E. McCallum, keep of indigent	10 00
H. Ireland, opening pit	8 50
J. Campbell, blacksmith bill	1 10
E. W. Love, work, Kettleby	5 50
T. Davis, repair 4th con.	1 50
C. Davis, repair 3rd con.	69
W. Leonard, travelling 9th con.	11 00
C. C. Robinson, legal advice	10 00
Dr. Tegart, attendance on indigenes	20 00
Dr. Norman, " " "	8 00
W. S. Bond, groceries for Street, indigent	4 16
Geo. Norman, on account of salary as assessor	60 00
Jas. Black, on account of salary as assessor	60 00
Hambly—Armitage—that all gravel grants not expended be cancelled, and in	

future be under the supervision of a
member of the council.—Carried.

McCutcheon—Hambly—that the reeve,
clerk and Mr. Legge be a committee to
re-arrange the polling subdivisions in
this township with a view of forming one
additional one in the neighborhood of
Crawford's school house.—Carried.

McCutcheon—Hambly—that this council
make no grants for road repairs until
after the Provincial Road Inspector has
paid his visit in May.—Carried.

Hambly—Armitage—that this council
engage Joseph Billings for one year for
the sum of \$300 to keep in repair King's
snare of Yonge St., to furnish a horse
and wagon when necessary, to break all
stone required for such repair and to
devote his whole time to such service;
Mr. T. H. Legge be empowered to make
the contract.—Carried.

W. J. Wells, collector for 1896, was
relieved from collecting the following
taxes: Jas. Tunny, \$1.50; S. Phillips,
\$1; J. Jarvis, \$1; W. Alcox, \$1; Agnes
Burns, \$4.55; T. Burton, \$1; Jas. Sim-
mons, \$4.55; J. C. Clark, \$1.

A by-law was passed appointing road
overseers, fence-viewers and pound-
keepers; also a by-law empowering the
reeve to sign an agreement with Whit-
church re Yonge St.

Next meeting at Kettleby on May
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On Easter day services were held in
Trinity Church at eleven a. m. and seven
p. m. In the morning they consisted of
Matins, Celebration and sermon; and in
the evening, Evensong and sermon. The
attendance on both occasions was far
beyond the average, and the number of
communicants much larger than usual.
The principal features of the music were
the anthems, "O Death, where is thy
pride," and "Why seek ye the living
among the dead?" Jackson's *Te Deum*
and Monk's *Jubilate* were given with
very good effect; as were also Elvey's
Gloria and Tallis's *Kyrie*. The *Ter
Sanctus* and *Gloria in Excelsis* were
beautifully rendered. The Rector
preached at both services, in the morn-
ing the subject being the Resurrection;
and in the evening, the Journey to
Emmaus. It is not too much to say
that no more hearty and helpful Easter
services were held in any country church
in the diocese.

On Monday evening the annual vestry
meeting was held in the chapel, and was
in every way the most satisfactory that
has taken place for several years. The
parishioners attended in larger numbers
than usual; for the first time for a decade
the revenue was more than equal to the
expenditure; and the church-wardens
paid in full the congregation's share of
the rector's stipend. The Church people
here are very much encouraged, and
determined to make even greater efforts
to have a still more satisfactory state of
affairs by next Easter.

There are several people looking after
the farm lately occupied by Mr. Rankin.
Negotiations have been going on towards
its being exchanged for some city prop-
erty, but nothing has yet been definitely
settled.

Some one connected with a piano
factory in Toronto has been out here
looking after a site for the establishment
of the factory in this place, where rent
and taxes are much lower than in the
city. Some members of the Lake Simcoe
Ice Co. have also been out looking over
the Mineral Springs Estate. They
believe that if the dam were rebuilt they
could procure ice in sufficient quantities
for their trade, and of a quality much
superior to that procured from Lake
Simcoe. In case the proposition to
obtain ice in this way should have a
practical result, the Metropolitan Co.
have agreed to run a switch from the
street to the lake and to carry the ice
to town at forty cents a ton or such
other rate as may be agreed upon by
both parties concerned.

The first church social after Lent is to
be given by Mrs. Houghton of the Queen's
Hotel, on Thursday, 6th prox. It will
doubtless be well attended, as several
members of the congregation are taking
a great interest in it, and the hostess is
very popular. The little hamlet here is
somewhat famous for whist parties,
and the first since Shrovetide took place
last Tuesday evening. It was very quiet,
as all such parties should be, but none
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