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#### Our Ottawa Letter.

of, to believe that the greater part of cussion. this remarkable properity is due to exceptional favors from a kind Providence, and the balance to a belated prosperity which should have come in Conservative times but which cruel fate unhappily delayed. In the eighteen years of Conservative Administration during which were periods of exceedingly good harvests and general commercial prosperity, resulting in other lands in just as good times as they are having now. In the whole of this eighteen years, I say, the total increase of trade was \$57,000,000, while the subsequent two years of Liberal rule has seen an increase of \$65,000,000 that is to say the value of trade has increased \$5,000,000 in two years more than it did in the previous eighteen years. This is a simple but eloquent fact proved by the public records, which as Mr. Foster himself remarked can be unhesitatingly accepted as correct, and all the eloquent sophistry of Opposition Orators will not satisfy the country that this is due to good luck and fine weather.

REDUCED TAXATION AND SURPLUS. Necessarily a vast increase in trade brings with it a substantial increase in the customs receipts, and so we find, in spite of substantial tariff reductions that nearly \$3,000,000 has been added to the revenue of the country. Had the old tariff of 1896 prevailed the increase would have been double that amount, but the statesmanlike administration of the public finances which may be legitimately credited to the present administration, has placed them in possession of sufficient fends to carry forward vast public works, and at the same time give a substanreduction in taxation substantially reduced, but the Finance Minister announces a surplus upon the year's business which he anticipates will come very near to the \$5,000,000 mark.

THE IMPORTANCE OF STABILITY.

Were it not for the fact that the present tariff has not been in full operation a year yet, the Government would have probably announced some further reductions in the tariff, for they are fully alive to the necessity of progressive reform in this direction, but the commercial situation at this moment is so secure, and the prevailing feeling is one of such confidence and stability that it was thought better to bear for another year with a scale of duties which are in many instances admittedly too high, rather than disturb the balance of trade and the development of any of our native June. industries.

In one particular only, the handling of coal oil, has any change been made. and even then it has been a matter of readjusting the regulations, and not the regulations governing the method of shipping coal-oil, a saving in cest to the extent of five cents a gallon will be of the duty on the oil. The Liberal Sunday. resolution on the order paper very to Thornhill on Saturday afternoon. early in the session demanding that coal-oil be placed on the free list, this action of the the Government will give the same measure of relief and accomtended to on the shortest notice and reasonable plish the object which the Western

A RAILWAY COMMISSION.

session than the question of the son, James Brownlee. Mr. J. G. Rutherford of Portage la Snider. declared :- "That the public interest ald, Hugh McFarlane. control of a board of railway commis- | Willie Bishop. sioners clothed with full power to enforce the conditions of the railway act, and to prescribe and enforce obser-LIBERAL OFFICE. - RICHMOND HILL vance of such regulations as may be

necessary in the public interests."

The question was energetically de-It is a familiar aphorism that figures bated on both sides of the House, and may be made to prove anything but it a practicable unanimity of opinion eviwould require a pretty skillful man- denced as to the very urgent necessity ipulator to demonstrate from the for some effective action to be taken. figures given in Mr. Fielding's budget | The speakers were not equally unanispeech on Tuesday, the fulfilment of mous in accepting Mr. Rutherford's the Conservative prognostications of proposal as the best solution of the commercial ruin and national disaster difficulty, though no one was able to Galicians. which would inevitably follow the re- offer any alternative that promised turn of the Liberals to power. The better results. As was very pertinentpresent Government and its support- ly pointed out however something ers have always been ready to admit, will have to be done, and that quickly, that there are certainly conditions in- | for delay will only aggravate the situafluencing the material condition of a tion. From the whole tone of the dispeople that no political party however | cussion it was abundantly evident able and sagacious can possibly com- that Parliament is fully alive to the trol, but with such figures as they urgency of the case, and the country have to deal with in the present bud- is indebted to the member for Macdonget, it would require more credulity ald for once again bringing the questhan the average elector is possessed tion into the arena of political dis-

#### Carrville

The roads in this vicinity are in ex- dynamite and over \$5000 in bills cellent condition for wheeling and are stolen. being daily patronized by pleasuring

The gypsies who were camping on Second street have pulled up stakes and left the town.

Mr. Norman Bone was visiting friends at Teston on Sunday last.

Pearson, Thornhill. On Sunday evening the pulpit here of Pare's coat, the detective declares, was occupied by Mr. Jno. Atkinson of is only a bluff. Edgeley. We are very surry to hear of

the iliness of Rev. J. W. Stewart. Miss Violet Pleasance is one amongst the latest victims to the prevailing cough which so many have Atkinson & Switzer. suffered recently from. Her many friends hope for her speedy recovery. The friends of Mr. B. Boston will re-

gret to learn that he is again suffering from his old malady. Some of the citizens of Greenfield are auxious about the disappearance of two valuable dogs generally known as "The Two P's" and any informa-

tion as to the whereabouts of these

much prized canines would be thankfully received by their respective

Visitors registered :- Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ness at Mr. Jos. Grainger's; Mr. H. Hooper at "The Willows"; Mrs. F. Monckman, Miss. G. Appleton and Miss Baker with Mrs. D. S. Reaman; Pettijohn's Breakfast Food 15c. At-Mrs. I. Snider and Miss Snider at High kinson & Switzer. Hill House; Mr. Geo. Bone at Mr. J. Deadman's, jr., Patterson; Mr. Jos. Grainger at Newton Brook; Miss Wood with her parents at Fair View; Master Nathaniel Prentice with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Prentice and Mr. J. Deadman with his daughter Mrs. Geo. Bone.

## Maple

Quarterly services were held in the Methodist church last Sunday. Owing to illness Rev. J. W. Stewart was unable to take his work. He has had an attack of muscular rheumatism but is now almost well again.

Mr. Arthur Wilson and family are moving to Markdale this week. He has sold his house and lot here to T.

Mrs. A. L. Dickout has rented her

house to Mrs. Phillips and intends to unsettle, even to a moderate extent, remove to Toronto about the first of We are pleased to state that Mr. Wm. Richardson of the Richardson

House, who has been seriously ill is at present much improved. The annual sermon of the Women's hotels on Yonge Street. Every modern con- influence, sales attended on the shortest notice of changing the duty. By relaxing Auxiliary was preached in the Methodist church on Sunday evening by

> Rev. C. A. Campbell. Mr. and Mrs. T. Elliott of Toronto effected. This is equal to the amount | were visiting with friends here over

> members from Manitoba and the Ter- Thomas Grogan who lived a short ritories particularly, have been active distance north from here was found and insistent in their efforts to obtain | dead in a shanty near the sixth consome lightening of the charges upon cession, last Thursday morning. The this necessity of daily life, for it weigh- | coroner did not consider an inquest ed heavily upon the people in sparsely necessary as he said that death had settled parts of the country. Mr. T. resulted from apoplexy brought on by

#### Vellore.

Following is a report of the Senior the months of March and April.

Fifth Class—Beatrice Witty. Few matters of more importance | Sev. IV-Willie Orser, Charles Farr, will come before Parliament this Katie McNaughton, Bertha Robin-

creation of a board of railway Com- Jr. IV-Katie Cameron, David missioners which was debated in the Julian, Alex. Cameron, Annie McDon-House this week upon the motion of ald, Ada Darker, E. O'Connor, R. O.

Prairie. In the motion which he in- Sen. III—Minnie Bishop, Gordon

Average attendance 37.

Lowest daily attendance 25. Highest daily attendance 50.

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#### News Notes.

Ladies Blouses and Wrappers, swell and very fine. Atkinson & Switzer.

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Mr. Thomas Musson, for upwards of 40 years Postmaster at Islington, died rather suddenly on Sunday evening, in his 67th year, from heart failure folfowing rheumatism.

Turnip, Carrot and Garden Seeds. Quality the best. Naughton Bros., Elgin Mills. The safe in the Bank of Commerce office at Dresden was blown open with

Seeds-Timothy, Clover, Mangel,

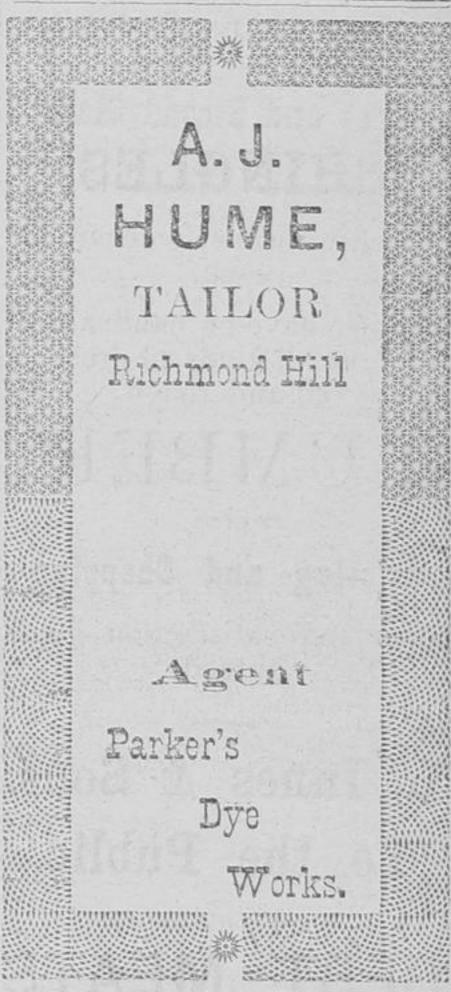
Maple Leaf Salmon, Horseshoe Salmon, Lynx Salmon, each 2 cans for 25 ots.; Rich, Red, Reliable Salmon 11c.

a can. Atkinson & Switzer. After a thorough examination of Napanee jail, Detective Greer has con-Miss B. Mellish has returned home cluded that Pare and Holden had outafter visiting with her sister, Mrs. Jas. | side assistance in effecting their escape. The wire found in the pocket

> Men's and Boys' Fancy Straw hats, bard and soft, Felt hats all the latest styles, Men's good black serge suits \$5.

> George Kendrick of the East End, Toronto, was placed under arrest by County Constable Walter Stewart, Monday afternoon, on a charge of stealing a horse and buggy from Mr. Ed. Gallanough of Thornhill on the night of April 29. He was brought before Magistrate Ellis and remanded until to-morrow. Three other charges will be laid against Kendrick, one being for stealing a horse and rig from Mr. S. McClure, near Woodbridge.

> With warmer weather we must take more freely to the lighter cereals. Farinaceous Foods. We have Farinosa at 15c.; Quaker Oats at 13c.;



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