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Our Ottawa Letter.

The following statement of fact with
reference to the much discussed ques-
tion of the public debt is taken from
The Montreal Herald and should be
carefully studied by all who are hon-
estly desirous of understanding the
truth:

"Since the Liberals came into
power the following amounts have
been expended on improvements on
the canals of the Dominion, the sums
being chargeable to capital account:—
1897 \$ 2,341,016
1898 3,207,249
1899 (estimated) 3,500,000

Total \$ 9,643,265
In the same period the net debt of
the Dominion has been increased by
the following sums:

1897 \$ 3,041,163
1898 2,417,802
1899 (estimated) 1,500,000

Total \$ 6,958,965
The estimated increase in the net
debt is taken from the speech of Mr.
Fielding, Minister of Finance, who on
the closing day of the session said he
expected when full returns were forth-
coming, the net increase would be
found to be very little over one million.
The estimate of the expenditure
on canals for last year is based on the
appropriation voted for that year, less
the amounts voted this year. The
up-shot of the comparison is seen to be
that the Laurier Government have
spent over nine millions of dollars on
the enlargement of the canal system
alone, which the addition to the
national debt in the period covered by
these expenditures is less than seven
millions. That looks like the work of
business men working on a business
plan."

HAS TAXATION INCREASED.
Another interesting fiction in con-
nection with the financial conditions
of the country is that taxation has
been increased, and in proof thereof
the fact is pointed to that the Customs
revenue has increased 25 per cent in
the past three years, last year's figures
being \$25,000,000 as against \$20,000,000
in 1895-96. Thus increase is not due to
increased taxation in the shape of
higher duties, and the Government's
financial critics are perfectly well
aware of that fact. The increase is
due to the immense development in
the trade of the country. The case is
exactly parallel to that of a merchant
who finds at the end of his business
year his profits have increased 25 per
cent over the previous year, the result
of a greater volume of trade. No one
would claim for a moment in such a
case that this increased profit was se-
cured by putting up the price of his
goods. The volume of trade of the
Dominion has increased by tens of
millions of dollars until last year the
imports were \$152,000,000 as against
\$118,000,000 in 1896. The simple fact
is that the duty upon these imports,
taking them all round, has decreased,
for had the rate of taxation which pre-
vailed in 1896 been in operation last
year, the Customs receipts would have
amounted to \$27,785,600, or nearly
three million dollars more than the
actual receipts, which is irrefutable
evidence that the tax upon the people
had been cut down rather than in-
creased; in fact Mr. Foster's own re-
solution, submitted to the House on
prorogation day, admitted that the
rate had been reduced from 18.28 to
16.57.

A PROTECTIONIST FALLACY.
One other point is worth noting
with regard to this increased volume
of imports. It has always been a
favorite contention with the ultra-
protectionist, that an increase in imports
must necessarily be detrimental to
home industries, indeed it is upon that
fallacy that the whole theory of pro-
tection is constructed; but a complete
answer was given to this by the ex-
perience of the past three years. This
tremendous increase of \$44,000,000 has
been co-existent with a development
of home industries unequalled in the
history of the Dominion. New fac-
tories have been springing up on all
hands, those largely in existence have
been increasing their capacity, skilled
and unskilled labor is more and more
in demand, wages have been going up
in every direction and the masses of
the people have more money to spend
than they ever had before. These are
facts which require no statistical de-
monstration. They are proved by the
personal experience of the people—the
only kind of proof which will be ac-
cepted as conclusive and satisfactory.

AN OLD FAMILIAR FRIEND.
Another old familiar friend in the
way of political yarns has reappeared
in the shape of a story of whiskey per-
mits surreptitiously granted in the
Yukon. A gentleman named Marks,
described as "the Klondike correspond-
ent of the London (Eng.) Financial
News," is alleged to have declared
that whiskey permits to a very con-
siderable amount have been granted
by the Government "to its party
friends," with the result that, "Daw-
son will have a big whiskey trust this

winter that will have liquor up to a
dollar a glass." Another version of
the same story apparently is that Mr.
Houston of Dawson, who is now at
the Capital, has secured a permit to
take 40,000 gallons of whiskey into the
Yukon. It scarcely required the de-
nial of the Minister of the Interior to
assure the country that these state-
ments were entirely without founda-
tion, but as the denial has been given
the public will have little difficulty, in
view of the developments in Parlia-
ment last session, in deciding which
is most worthy of credence.

Winter Wheat.

The following is the latter part of
Mr. Zavitz's letter containing the con-
clusions arrived at relative to tests in
winter wheat:

1. In the average yield of winter
wheat per acre the Dawson Golden
Chaff stood highest among 11 varieties
tested over Ontario in the year 1893,
among 9 varieties in each of the years
1894, 1895 and 1896, and among 7 varie-
ties in each of the years 1897, 1898, and
1899.

2. In the co-operative experiments
for 1899, the Stewart's Champion,
Bearded Winter Fife and Dawson's
Golden Chaff came through the win-
ter the best, and the Golden Drop the
poorest.

3. The Early Red Clawson and Im-
perial Amber were the first and the
Bearded Winter Fife, and Dawson's
Champion were the last to mature in
1899.

4. Dawson's Golden Chaff and the
Early Genesee Giant possessed the
strongest straw and the Bearded Win-
ter Fife the weakest straw in the tests
of this year.

5. Stewart's Champion and the
Bearded Winter Fife produced the
longest and the Golden Drop the
shortest straw in 1899.

6. In the co-operative experiments
of each of the past six years, the Daw-
son's Golden Chaff was one of the
least and the Early Genesee Giant was
one of the most affected by rust.

7. In 1899, all varieties were prac-
tically free from smut which is nearly
always the case when no smut is sown
with the wheat.

8. The Stewart's Champion and
Dawson's Golden Chaff produced the
plumpest and Imperial Amber and
Early Red Clawson the most shrunken
grain in this year's tests.

9. The Stewart's Champion and
Dawson's Golden Chaff were the most
popular varieties and the Golden Drop
was the least popular variety with the
experimenters in 1899.

10. During the past seven years, the
Dawson's Golden Chaff has been an
exceedingly popular variety with the
farmers who have been conducting
these co-operative experiments
throughout Ontario.

DISTRIBUTION OF SEED.
The following two sets of winter
wheat varieties will be sent free, by
mail in one half pound lots of each
variety, to farmers applying for them,
who will carefully test the three kinds
in the set which they choose, and will
report the results after harvest next
year. The seed will be sent out in the
order in which the applications are re-
ceived as long as the supply lasts.

Set 1. Dawson's Golden Chaff; Early
Genesee Giant, Early Red Clawson.

Set 2. Dawson's Golden Chaff, Dia-
mond Grit, Gold Coin.

Each person wishing one of these
sets should apply as early as possible
mentioning which set he desires; and
the grain, with instructions for test-
ing, and the blank form on which to
report, will be furnished free of cost
to his address, until the supply of
grain for distribution is exhausted.

All communications should be ad-
dressed to
C. A. ZAVITZ,
Experimentalist,
Agricultural College,
Guelph, Aug. 17th, 1899.

King Township Council

King Municipal Council met at
Bell's Lake, August 28th, 1899.
Members all present, Reeve in the
chair.

The following bills were passed:
Judge Morgan, Court of Revision \$ 8 00
David McClement, ditch 9 00
George Walker, repairs 3 00
Jos. Billings, one month's salary 25 00
Joshua Courtney, culvert 2 50
W. H. Proctor, Bridge plank ..108 00
H. C. Webb, Court of Revision . 5 00
Thos. McLaughlan, culvert 3 00
Joel Edwards, Postage 2 75
John Wells, road repair 6 00
Robert Elmer, culvert 6 00
Sol Atkinson, sheep claim 5 33
Walter Bell, sheep claim 6 33

Moved by Mr. Legge seconded by
Mr. Burns that the sum of twenty
dollars be granted to King Agricul-
tural Society provided no gamblers
games of chance, or fakirs be allowed
on the grounds.—Carried.

Moved by Mr. Legge seconded by
Mr. Burns that the clerk be instructed
to notify John Wells and Albert Por-
ter to remove their fence, forthwith

from the roadway at Humber Bridge
on Mill Road so as to allow free access
to water.—Carried.

By-Law No. 80 to levy the sum of
\$4896.92 for general County purposes,
the sum of \$918.27 for Industrial
Home, the sum of \$5588.86 for general
Township purposes, and the sum of
\$3517.76 for general school purposes
was passed.

Wm. J. Wells was appointed Tax
Collector for the southern division of
the Township of King, and Joel Ed-
wards for the north.

Next meeting of King Council will
be held at Temperance Hall, Kettleby,
September 30th next.
CHAS. PATTERSON, Clerk.
SIMEON LEMON, Reeve.

Willow Vale

Very dry weather at time of writ-
ing. The farmers are through harvest
and wish for rain to aid the growth of
the root crop.

J. McCallum, thresher, was in our
burgh with his horse-power machine
last week and did some good work.

A. Campbell has leased the Carberry
farm, and Blackburn Bros. the Megill
farm on the 6th con.

Mr. Wm. Ramsay conducted the
services in Christ's Church on Sunday
last, in the absence of Rev. Mr. Hand,
who was married on August 23rd in
Trinity Church, Toronto.

The school house on the 4th con. has
been refloored and new seats of the
latest design, supplied by the Office
Specialty Co. of Newmarket. Mr.
Rae did the work.

Miss S. Shropshire of Vandorf, is
visiting relatives in this locality.

Our bachelor farmer finished har-
vesting last week. Jim is sure to be
among the first.

Our burgh can boast of a very wise
horse. It was put in a large mow to
trap, and had got to the very peak
of the barn and was left there until a
load of grain came in, but darkness
settled before accomplished and the
horse no doubt thinking to be left
over night rapidly made his descent,
and was quietly grazing when the
farm hands returned.

News Notes.

Our new Hats are now in, compris-
ing the newest English and American
Hats in all designs. Atkinson and
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Markham and Tecumseh-Elms play-
ed the first match in the finals for the
senior championship on the Toronto
Island on Thursday. The former won
by 6 to 3. The return match will be
played in Markham on Labor Day,
Monday, Sept. 4.

Our Dress and Mantle Making de-
partment is again in full swing, and
we are prepared to take orders and
meet the demands of the general pub-
lic in the making of stylish costumes.
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The property owners of the village
of Weston are about to vote on a by-
law to raise \$7,000 to construct and
operate a system of electric light.
This will necessitate the issuing of de-
bentures to the amount of \$515.07 a
year for 20 years.

The balance of our Blouses go this
week at less than cost. Ladies' Vests
at 9, 10, 16 and 20c; heavy Imperial
Flannel Dometes, 9c. per yard. Atkin-
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At the biennial meeting of the
Ancient Order of Foresters, held in
Toronto last week, Mr. Walter Mills,
Mayor of Ingersol, was elected High
Chief Ranger for the next two years.
The next High Court meeting will be
held in Hamilton.

We have received from The W. R.
Brock Co. five samples books of over-
coatings, pantings and suitings, in-
cluding the latest patterns in Scotch
and Canadian Serges, imported black
and colored worsteds, black and blue
serges, black and colored striped pan-
tings, light and dark colored whip-
cords, beavers, venetians, and curl
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