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19. SATURDAY, AUGUST 19.

We Inaugurate a Thirty Day Clearing Sale.

HAVING PURCHASED OUR FALL GOODS in large quantities in order to secure the lowest prices available, we have decided to sacrifice our present \$12,000 stock at prices far below anything ever offered in Durham before. Remember every article will be marked down to wholesale cost and below.

On Friday, August 18 our Store will be Closed in Order to Mark Down Goods.

**ALL MUST GO!**

**BOOTS & SHOES.**

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Our stock is complete in every detail and our prices are sure to interest you.

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**W. LAIDLAW**

**FROM OTTAWA.**

Public Debt and Taxation.

The following statement of fact with reference to the much discussed question of the public debt is from The Montreal Herald and should be carefully studied by all who are honestly desirous of understanding the truth:—

"Since the Liberals came to power the following amounts have been expended on improvements of the canals of the Dominion, the sums being chargeable to capital account:—

1897	\$2,341,016
1898	3,207,219
1899 (estimated)	3,500,000
Total	\$9,048,265

"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 forthcoming, 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 revoked this year. The upshot 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, while the addition to national debt in the period covered by these expenditures is less than seven million. That looks like the work of a Government of business men working on a business plan."

Has taxation increased

Another interesting fiction in connection 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 past 3 years, last year's figure being \$25,000,000 against \$20,000,000 in 1895—96. This 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 that 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 his increased profit was secured by raising 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 those imports, taking them all round, has decreased, for had the rate of taxation which prevailed in 1896 been in operation last year, the Customs receipts would have amounted to \$27,785,000, or nearly three millions dollars more than the actual receipts, which is irrefutable evidence that the tax upon the people had been cut down rather than increased; in fact Foster's own resolution, submitted to the House on proposition 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 protection is constructed; but a complete answer was given to this by experience of the past three years. This tremendous increase of \$44,000,000 has been co-incident with a development of home industries unequalled in the history of the Dominion. New factories have been springing up on all hands, those already 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 ever they had before. These are facts which require no statistical demonstration. They are proved by the personal experience of the people,—the only kind of proof which will always be accepted as conclusive and satisfactory.

The Silly Season.

The lack of live political topics which always marks the period immediately following the close of a parliamentary session is responsible for a variety of silly paragraphs which, while they may lack the element of originality, serve to fill space and arouse a passing interest of a mild kind. Foremost among these are the guesses as to when a general election is to be expected, and as their is nothing definite to base calculations upon, the conclusions arrived at necessarily vary. Certain Opposition papers at first announced, with a great show of confidence, that there was no question an election would be "sprung upon the country" this fall, but as the weeks go by and the usual signs of battle fail to materialize, they are becoming much less confident and are now explaining why the Government is not carrying out plans which as a matter of fact were never in contemplation. Our anxious Opposition friends may possess their souls in patience. The general election will come in good time, and when it does come, it will be all too soon for the peace of mind of those who have been so busy foretelling disaster to the Government.

**An Old Familiar Friend.**

Another old familiar friend in the way of political yarns has re-appeared in the shape of a story of whiskey permits surreptitiously granted in the Yukon. A gentleman named Marks, described as "the Klondike correspondent of London (Eng.) Financial News," is alleged to have declared that whiskey permits to a very considerable amount have been granted by the Government "to its party friends," with the result that "Dawson 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 denial of the Minister of the Interior to assure the country that these statements were entirely without foundation, but as the denial has been given the public will have little difficulty, in view of the developments in Parliament last session, in deciding which statement is most worthy of credence.

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ware, Tinware, Churns, Lamp Goods, Trace Chains, Plow Lines, Screen Doors, Ice Cream Freezers, Steel Crow Bars, etc.

Just Received Another Shipment of our Waggoner Extension Ladders.

The only satisfactory Extension Ladder made. No household should be without one of these Ladders.

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Our Stock of Whips is Something extra. Be sure and secure one!

**WM. BLACK**

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