

DURHAM REVIEW.

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A MIXED-UP OPPOSITION.

Some Clear-Cut Statements.

Members of the Opposition have talked so much nonsense about the Government's preferential policy that they appear to be hopelessly mixed up among themselves as to what that policy really is. Various prominent members of the party have placed themselves on record with view and conclusions diametrically opposed to each other. The only point upon which they appear to be thoroughly agreed is that whatever the policy is it is bound to be wrong. There is one other point, by the way, upon which there is a fair unanimity of opinion in the Tory ranks, and that is in persisting that the Imperial Government offered Canada a reciprocal preference but Sir Wilfrid Laurier spurned the offer declaring that we would give a preference and wanted nothing in return. One would imagine this absurdity would have been dropped by now, for it has been absolutely refuted so often, but it still appears from time to time in the hope that it may find a chance believer here and there. It is therefore perhaps just as well to repeat the

Clear-Cut Denials
The imperial statesmen whose names have been made such unwarranted use of in connection. The Duke of Devonshire states "while I congratulated Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Dominion of Canada on the offer which has been made to admit British goods at reduced rates as compared with those on the goods of other nations as an important step in direction of Imperial unity, I have no authority to offer, and did not offer to Canada a preference in the British markets." Mr. Chamberlain from his place on the Treasury benches in the Imperial House said:—"I have never done anything of the sort. It is one of those mistakes of which I am so largely the victim, and which perhaps it would be hardly worth while to contradict until the occasion becomes urgent."

After all it should not be difficult to understand very clearly the respective trade policies of the two parties. The Liberal policy is the establishing of a revenue tariff, to be secured not by sudden or sweeping changes, which unsettle and jeopardize business interests and make the approach of the budget an annual recurring period of anxiety and unrest in trade circles but by giving substantial reductions.

In Favor of British Goods
In thereby securing the good will of the British consumers, and obtaining an entry on most favorable terms into the vast markets of the empire. The working out of this policy has not begun and ended in trothy declamations of loyalty, but it is an established fact accomplished in the face of strenuous opposition from the Tories and already resulting in increased trade with Britain to the tune of many millions of dollars, annually.

On the other hand the Tory policy is to make no concession whatever to the empire unless there is an actual quid pro quo, which can be mathematically checked off,—concession for concession,—and allowed nothing for the sentimental good-will which is so universally recognized as a powerful factor in the promotion of national as well as individual unity.

But Sir Charles Tupper having once taken the plunge and turned the Double Semersault

is not inclined to pursue any half measures and realizing that desperate expedients are necessary to recover the ground which has been so completely lost in the Province of Quebec he goes down the Ancient Capital, and there declares for Canadian independence as against the ultra-imperialism of the wicked Grits. He conjures up terrible consequences if this imperialism is not checked, not the least of which would be an attempt by the British Parliament to tax the colonies; he had even figured out that Canada's share of that taxation would be about equal to her entire revenue at the present time and much more in the same strain, equally imaginary and quite as absurd. Sir Charles has taken some wonderfully sharp turns during his long and checkered political career, but in his present endeavor to pose as a strong anti-imperialist in Quebec, while still appearing as the star performer in an ultra-British comedy in Ontario, he exceeds himself.

Balsam Valley.

As it is some time since Balsam Valley was heard from we now take our pen in hand to relate a few thrilling incidents.

The snow is taking its flight very slowly and by all appearance the spring will be late.

Some have tapped the trees and are catching a few drops of the precious sap to be refined down to maple syrup.

Mr. Archie Ferguson, left for the lower settlement last week and reports good times among the mossbacks.

Mr. Oscar Konold, is engaged with John McPhail, for the Spring work.

Mr. Neil McArthur who has been at D. McIntyre's for the last three months left last week, Neil gained a great number of acquaintances while here and he will be greatly missed. Watch the post for this summer.

Mr. David Elder, of (Elders Mills) has been here trying to dispose of his property of 200 acres but we judge by the figure asked that he will hold it for awhile.

The Frooke Bros. are busy drawing Ship Knees to Caylon this last week. They don't care whether it snows, blows or freezes, they will get through any way.

Mr. Geo. Haw has purchased a horse from D. Ferguson, he says he has a team now that will not draw any thing on the line.

What we hear.
That Neil is going to smash mud on the 19th this summer.

And some one else will follow his tracks.

ROCKY SAUGEEN.

The Canadian Choir have their vocal organs again in tune, and instead of giving us Kipling's poem "pay, pay, pay", have a composition of their own, work, work, work.

Ploughing has commenced, Mr. J. Wilson led the advance by turning the first soil on the 12th.

A pleasant time was spent by the young people of the neighborhood at Mr. and L. McLean's last Wednesday night.

Mr. Nelson from near Varney has rented Mr. M. Cameron's farm, and is busy moving up.

Some of our pedagogues are spending the Easter holidays travelling. Miss K. McCormick and Mr. J. McKinnon, went to Toronto, Mr. P. J. McKelvie to Fiesherston, while others are visiting places nearer home.

Mr. A. McLean who was on the sick list is on the move again.

With the advent of good time building is taking a boom. Mr. H. McKee & Co. have the contract to build six barns this summer.

The walking brigade marched out to Mr. W. Dornier's last Friday night and went through the quick step movement to the music furnished by Professor McKennie.

Cupid's darts have been very effective this while back. The merry tingling of the wedding bells are heard all around.

Boothville.

The parents of James Wilson, Regina received a letter from him telling us that Nelson Boyd, one of our neighbors sold his property for which he received \$3,500; the same he bought at \$400. Mr. Boyd's health has failed him and he is compelled to give up farming.

Miss Martha Wilson is engaged with Mrs. John Hardy, Swinton Park.

James Wilson is away east near Barrie looking for more ship timber. The swamps are too wet at present to work.

Mr. Gilbert McQueen of Dunroon visited friends here last Sunday.

A McLeod called on his brother Neil. He is home after settling the estate of his brother.

We think the snow will not stay long as we had rain Monday night. Our sidewalks are in a bad state.

Councillor McIntyre was in our burg on Monday. Our blacksmith drew his attention to the state of the corner, mud and water ankle deep.

Mr. Sam Todd bade farewell last Monday to Boothville. He will be missed by Mrs. and Miss Booth, for he took the place of a son and brother. We wish him a safe journey.

Mr. Henry Hoffman took his departure to the college last Monday. Mr. Hoffman is about buying the house at Neil McCannell's. If Henry buys it he will move it off the road. Then we will expect something by the 24th of May.

Donald McCannell with Henry on the other end of the saw cut one cord and a half in 45 minutes. I will ask Maple Park to notice this. As wood cutters Maple Park is ahead, we can't touch them. Is there not a little wind in the correspondence?

Messrs Archie and Gilbert found the roads very bad. They went two miles out of the way, finding themselves at Hamilton's near Glenhurst. Making a fresh start they came along all right the rest of the way.

Alex McQueen attended Calder's delivery, and got a binder. D. McCannell bought from D. Ferguson a disc harrow. On April 5th the home of John McQueen was brightened by a young son. Both doing well.

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North East Normanby.

That grim monster death has once more visited our community and has this time laid its icy hand on the beloved wife of James Peters Jr. when, last Saturday morning her spirit took its flight to the land of eternal rest. She had been ill but a few hours, and never has the community been so shocked by the announcement of any death as by that of hers. The remains were interred on Monday afternoon in Maplewood cemetery and a large concourse of sorrowing friends followed her to her last long resting place. She leaves a loving husband and four sweet children to mourn her great loss but they have consolation in the thought of the great reunion at the resurrection day.

Miss Lizzie Fee of William-ford is home for the Easter holidays.

Mr and Mrs Wm McCalmon of Donoch are visiting friends in Varney and in the neighborhood for a few days.

There was an extra bright smile on the face of Rev. Mr. Campbell on Sabbath last. The cause being the arrival of a little Easter girl that morning.

Mr and Mrs Moses Donnelly of Bentinck came down on Sunday to eat their Easter eggs at Mrs D's home.

Mr G Johnston is visiting his brother Wm. in town for a few days.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs Wm McMitchell of Allenford, is somewhat improved in health after a long and serious illness.

Mr Bertie Carson is renewing old acquaintances in this part after a year's stay down country.

THE WAR.

Nothing very striking has taken place during the week. The Boers' audacious march south which has been the feature of the last two weeks has been checked, and more, it is believed they recognize their danger and are trekking northwards along the Basuto land border.

Wepener, where 500 British under Col. Dalgety have been surrounded for a week or more, is practically relieved by the Boers retiring. They made vicious attacks but were gallantly repulsed. The enemy in Natal are also retiring though Buller is not yet advancing; probably waiting till Roberts' advances.

Roberts is still at Bloemfontein, the army confident and hopeful, 'waiting for horses.'

Methuen seems to be pushing north-east from Boshof, and is really the only one making headway....Gatacre has 'resigned' and is going to England; two bad mishaps to his name and his recall will be a lesson...Gen. White is in England and his welcome was a wonder....The German Schiel, on approaching St. Helena made an unsuccessful effort to escape...Pres. Kruger has been South in the Free State again to encourage the burghers it is thought....The Boer envoys are interviewing European authorities and say that 9 powers think of intervention...Stratton's Horse arrived last week, 163 horses died on the passage.

And now Mafeking. All right on April 8. Messages from them speak of a southern relief force being near. but Roberts has never said so. Plumer is powerless but persistent on the North. If harm comes to this gallant garrison now the whole empire will be indignant.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

For the Week Ending Apr. 7, 1900

Temperature.	Max.	Min.
April 1.....	44	28
" 2.....	40	32
" 3.....	38	20
" 4.....	35	16
" 5.....	47	15
" 6.....	43	31
" 7.....	50	30

Rainfall for the week 0.7 in. Snowfall for the week 1 inch. Hours of sunshine 28.4. General direction of the wind has been from west to north and moderate and cold. However indications of approaching spring are not wanting. The buds of many forest trees are swelling. The Catkins of the willow are out. Crocuses are in flower. Lilies and other early flowering plants are pushing up their leaves, and the spring birds robins and others are here in great numbers.

In British Columbia the temperature in March has been unusually high so much so that fruit trees, apple, pear and peach trees, as well as the hardier currant and gooseberry were in bloom about the middle of the month.

In Manitoba and the Territories the early part of the month was cold but about the middle of the month the chinook winds from the Pacific Ocean began to blow, the snow rapidly disappeared, ploughing began about the middle of the month, a month earlier than last year and so mild indeed has the winter been that cattle have had no fodder but that which they have picked up on the prairie.

On the other hand in Ontario and Quebec the weather for March has been exceptionally cold and blustering with good sleighing, rapid changes of temperature but fortunately much bright sunshine.

WEATHER BULLETIN.

For the week ending April 14, 1900.

Temperature.	Max.	Min.
April 8.....	36	26
" 9.....	32	18
" 10.....	30	17
" 11.....	44	17
" 12.....	37	32
" 13.....	35	28
" 14.....	47	28

Rainfall for the week, 1.4 inches. Snowfall " 1 inch. Hours of Sunshine, 33.7. General direction of the winds, northerly and westerly.

What's the Matter with the Canucks?

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