

OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

April 27th.—After months of anxious expectation and preceded by much speculation 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 on the sea of debate in parliament. That the consideration of the new tariff will be a long, and perhaps acrimonious, investigation into its merits and demerits, seems to be generally accepted.

The feeling which prevailed amongst the groups 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 parliamentary proceedings of the afternoon session, a considerable amount of by-play and repartee was indulged in. The venerable leader of the opposition sat in stony silence at his desk with a care worn look and dejected mien, while facetious Foster at his elbow, kept up his own drooping spirits, and nerved himself for the wordy conflict by numerous and often times 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 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 accomplish 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 insolently arrogated to itself all the sentiment of loyalty to be found in Canada, feel the keen recoil 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 quondam "trooly lolls" sat in grim and sullen silence.

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 preference above all to the products of Great Britain. But to 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 America.

In respect to the coal oil duty it had been confidently hoped, and the wish was father to the thought, that the reduction would have been at least 50 per cent instead of about 17 per cent only. Although a large reduction in 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 undisturbed, with the boon of free corn, with large reductions on flour and corn meal with wire fencing and binder twine soon to take their place on the free list, with cheaper bread stuffs, cheaper sugar, cheaper farming implements, interests have been conserved, and thus does the commencement of a long term of Liberal rule benefit the household.

We may rest assured on one thing, however, that in framing this or any other tariff, no matter how perfect it may be or how well calculated to serve the best interests of the country, the Liberal government need never hope for a word or a look of commendation from their Tory opponents. The average Tory is incapable of seeing any good come out of Nazareth.

A. V. W.

THE TURKO-GRECIAN WAR.

Greece has been beaten but not humiliated. The force of numbers has been too much for the small but intensely patriotic army. There has been no lack of valor on either side certainly, but Greece is seven times handicapped and more. Not only has she had to face a force four times as large as her own, filled with the fanaticism of Mohammedans in a holy war, she has had the crown and moral opposition of the six great powers of Europe. Their fleets have kept Col. Vassos and a portion of the Greek army in Crete and the same influence which hampered Greece gave encouragement to the hateful Turk. The powers have so helped Turkey both in power and prestige by their sympathy at this time that we may expect a wider death swath among her Christian subjects when next she whets her Scimitar.

The Turks secured Milouza Pass and the possession of this has enabled them to throw their armies on the plains of

Thessaly. Several places of minor importance have been captured, but the capture and investment of Larissa, the Greek headquarters, has been a crushing blow.

The Greeks have entered the Turkish district of Epirus in the west however, have made several conquests, and their fleet seems about to accomplish something. Men and money are pouring in to Greece and if sympathy could win battles the Turks would be driven out of Europe.

However there is daily expectation of the "powers" doing something, either by way of intervention, or in an attempt to help themselves. The Globe sees an ominous drawing together of Russia, Germany, Austria and France, which, if correct, portends trouble to Britain and Italy. It is almost probable that the near future may furnish some world stirring events.

—The Duchess of York was safely delivered of a daughter at York Palace, Sandringham, on Sunday last.

—The statement has been made in the British House of Commons that Canada has contributed £25,000 out of a total of £37,000 contributed by all the colonies to the Indian Famine Fund. Well done Canada.

—The opinion of the Montreal Witness is always interesting. On the new Tariff it says: "There can be no doubt that the new double preferential tariff will be immensely popular in Canada, as it obviously was in the House of Commons, which sang God Save the Queen over it; it will please all but small classes of sound free traders, and extreme protectionists will not like it. But they will like it in that it favors the Mother Country. It will be regarded as the strongest bond woven for many a long year between Canada and the Mother Country and other parts of the British Empire. It is the most open move yet in the direction of imperial federation. It will be regarded in England as the greatest colonial tribute to the jubilee year of Her Majesty the Queen."

Though a little late we publish the following extract of municipal legislation during the late session:

The Ontario Legislature was prorogued on the 13th inst. 104 bills received Loyal assent as the work of the session. The following are some of the changes made in municipal law by the Attorney General's bill relating to municipal matters which will come into force the 1st of July 1897. Market fees have been reduced in all cities and towns to 10 and 5 cents. Councils may grant bonuses for the erection of grain elevators. Wardens are to hold offices but for one year. County councils may divide the county into districts, and may direct that sales for taxes shall be held in the districts respectively instead of wholly in the county towns. Towns and villages may acquire water privileges and create therefrom water power, and may lease or sell power with the consent of the ratepayers. Municipalities may set aside a portion of the highway as a bicycle path, and any person driving on or along the same with a horse or vehicle renders him self liable to a fine. The council of any municipality may assist the Victoria Order of Nurses by a grant of money. Councils are prohibited from borrowing more than 80 per cent of the amount to be collected as taxes in any year. Councils liable for the maintenance of a boundary line or highway may agree as to what part of such boundary line or highway, each shall maintain and shall be liable for accidents only on the part to be maintained by them respectively. A member of the Municipal Council may become a candidate for election as a county councillor, but he may not sit in the county council while continuing to be a member of a Municipal Council.

DROMORE.

Mr. Geo. Cushnie, our popular teacher spent his Easter holidays with his parents at Flesherton Station.

We notice that John Snell sports a new byke this spring. You will be able to see her often now John.

Frank James and Miss S. Coleridge spent their Easter holidays at their home in Greenside and have now returned to their schools.

Mrs. John Garson, of Osprey, and her brother Alfred Inkster, formerly of this place, were visiting around among some of their many friends last week.

Miss Mary Wells is leaving for Galt this week for the summer.

Miss Jenny Leith was a guest of Miss Mary Scott last Wednesday.

Miss Bessie Kemel, of Proton, visited her cousins here the Misses Renwick, a few days last week.

We understand that one of our young men is uneasy over an item that appeared in one of our former budgets, thinking that it was him that was meant.

HOSIERY & UNDERWEAR

Our Specials this week are **HOSIERY and LADIES' UNDERWEAR.** In Hosiery our stock has never been as large nor as well assorted, but a glance over the prices will tell the story better than words can.

- LADIES' Stainless Black Cotton Hose. 2 pair for 25 cts.
- LADIES' Fast Black Hose, Fine Quality. Worth 22c. for 18c.
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- LADIES' White Cotton Hose, fine quality " 18c.
- LADIES' Tan Colored Hose, in all shades " 20c.

We have just received a new lot of those **Children's RIBBED CASHMERE HOSE** and the quality is even better than before. They are a little higher in price than ordinary hose, but the satisfaction they give the wearer makes up the difference.

- Children's Ribbed Cashmere Hose, Spliced Heel and Toe, Double Knees and Seamless, in 8 sizes:
- 5 inch, 22c. 6 inch, 25c. 7 inch, 30c. 8 inch, 35c.
- 5 1/2 inch, 25c. 6 1/2 inch, 28c. 7 1/2 inch, 30c. 8 1/2 inch, 40c.
- Children's Cotton Hosiery from 5 cents a pair, upwards.
- Boys' Heavy Ribbed Cotton Hose, all sizes, 20c. a pr.
- Infants' Black Cashmere Sox, Sizes 4 1/2 and 6 inch. 20 cents a pr.

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RAMSAY & MORLOCK

CASH AND ONE PRICE

CALDER'S BLOCK, Lower Town.

All that we can say is that if the cap does not fit you need not wear it as no particular name was mentioned.

Mrs. J. Wilson and her son John (your new butter maker) were visiting friends in Markdale and vicinity last week.

J. Wilson, Sr. is rushing things this spring. He says that he has made and disposed of seven land rollers besides other work. He is also doing a good business in the furniture line.

Another of our old land marks have gone to where there is no return in the person of Mr. Wm. Hargrave, who has been in very delicate health for a number of years passed away last Saturday evening at the ripe age of 84 years. Monday the remains were placed in the Ebenezer cemetery.

Owing to the call to the call to a new field of labor in Montreal, Rev. Mr. McVicar and Mrs. McVicar left last Thursday evening for their new home. Mr. McVicar has spent the last five years amongst us pleasantly and we trust profitable years to the most of the people attending his ministrations. We wish him and his amiable wife happiness and prosperity among their new parishioners. Mr. McVicar's sale was well attended and realized good prices. Monday was represented by Mr. Watson, Sr., Mr. J. Watson, Mr. J. Marshall and others. Also the ladies of the vicinity turned out well to say good bye.

Miss Julia Elizabeth McMillan is now visiting at the home of her parents here for some time and will no doubt live up the old homestead a bit.

Wm. Hay and his son Jim left last week for Manitoba.

Mr. Stephen Boaks is now busy fixing up the garden belonging to the manse.

We had quite a heavy storm of rain last Friday afternoon accompanied by lightning which struck Calvert's photo gallery, but not doing much damage.

YELLOW VALLEY.

Miss Fannie Huddy visited friends in Priceville on Saturday and Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson spent Sunday with the former's parents.

Miss Mary Muir, of Priceville, is busy dress making in our Valley at present.

Miss Jennie and Maggie Dow were the guests of Miss Mary Williamson last Saturday.

Mr. Samuel Henderson paid a business trip to Markdale on Saturday last.

The Priceville Methodist choir passed through our Valley on Monday evening on their way to Proton where they assisted in a song service in the Proton church.

The most wonderful event that took place in our Valley recently was the misfortune of one of our young ladies had in losing one of her shoes and rubbers when leaving the premises of one of our neighbors accompanied by a young man who lies not far hence. It was plain the young man was not performing his duties as he should have done else the young lady would not have been left to plunge in the mud alone on a dark night.

ROB ROY.

Intended for last week.

Mr. Sandy Bell left last week for the old settlement. Sandy will be missed by all for he is a general favorite.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bratton to our neighborhood.

Rev. Mr. McGregor was visiting his friends in these parts for a few days last week. While here he was invited by Mr. Dixon to visit the school.

Grant McComb has gone up to the other end of the line to spend a few months with Mr. Thos. Jackson.

Mr. Dixon has purchased a library for the school with the proceeds of the entertainment held on February 19th '97.

People who carry money matters should be careful not to lose them on the road lest they fall into bad hands.

Mr. David Brown showed specimens of live grass hoppers which he found on his own farm last week. They are starting pretty early, Dave.

Some improvements are being made around the school house this week by Mr. Jesse Edwards.

Mr. Sam McComb has rented the Firth farm for the season of 1897.

NORTH EAST NORMANBY.

Mrs. Andrews accompanied by her little niece Pearl Polly have been spending Easter Holidays with her sister, Mrs. H. Leeson.

Mrs. Cars and Mrs. Clark of Varney were guests of Mrs. Caldwell last Friday.

Mrs. L. Vert, of Proton, has been renewing old acquaintances in this part for some time past.

The Christian Endeavor have changed their night of meeting from Wednesday to Sunday evening. This society is progressing and will soon become the foremost one in the neighborhood.

Mrs. H. Peaty and Miss Needing were guests of Mrs. H. Peaty last week.

Mrs. Armstrong, of Bentinck, has been visiting her daughters Mrs. Blyth and Holiday for some time.

Mr. Jas. Watson is working his brother's farm for this year.

Grand Jury's Presentment.

Following is the full text of the presentment of the grand jury to His Lordship Chief Justice Armour at the assizes in Owen Sound last week:

"The grand jury have visited and thoroughly inspected the county buildings, and would reiterate the recommendations of a former grand jury that they should be roofed anew, as the interior is deteriorating on account of the present defective roof. As to the jail, we found it everything that could be desired both as regards management, security and sanitation. We found it to contain 32 inmates, classified as follows: Committed for theft, 6; illicit distilling, 1; drunk and disorderly, 1; assault, 1; vagrants, 21. As regards the last mentioned class, most of them are old, decrepit, or otherwise entirely incapacitated from earning their living, and we consider it a disgrace to this county to have no proper refuge for its indigent poor. As all efforts in the direction of providing such refuge have hitherto failed through the opposition of the ignorant and indifferent, we appeal to your Lordship to use your great wisdom and influence in the proper quarters towards such a desirable object, feeling confident that your Lordship's advocacy of such an object would have the effect of causing many to fall into the line of duty. All of which is respectfully submitted.

(Sgd.) "HENRY PALMER, Foreman."

BORN.

KERR—In Normanby, on April 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. James Kerr a daughter.

KERR—In Holstein, on Saturday 17th inst. to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerr a son.

SMITH—In Holstein, on the 22nd inst. to Mr. and Mrs. John R. Smith a daughter.

MARRIED.

MORLOCK—COCHRANE—At the residence of the bride's father, on Wednesday the 28th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Jamieson, Samuel Franklin Morlock, merchant, to Hattie Bryson, third daughter of Mr. Robt. Cochrane, all of Durham.

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Oatmeal per sack 1 65 to 1 65

Bran per cwt 60 to 60

Shorts per cwt 65 to 65

Fall Wheat per bushel... 0 70 to 0 75

Barley, " " " 0 25 to 0 30

Peas, " " " 0 37 to 0 37

Oats, " " " 0 16 to 0 17

Dr'd Hogs, per cwt ... 4 50 to 5 00

Hogs, live weight ... 4 50 to 4 50

Lard per lb 08 to 10

Tallow per lb 04 to 04

Butter per lb, Tub ... 0 8 to 0 10

" " Roll 10 to 11

Eggs, per doz 0 8 to 0 8

Chickens, per pair ... 25 to 30

Ducks " " " 50 to 50

Turkeys, per lb ... 08 to 08

Geese " " " 05 to 05

Hides, " " " 5 00 to 6 00

Calves, " " " 25 to 40

Sheepskins each 40 to 75

Hay per ton 8 00 to 10 00

Straw per ton 4 00 to 6 00

Potatoes, per bag 0 25 to 0 30

Apples " " " 0 50 to 0 50

Wood, 4 feet 1 75 to 1 75

Wood, 22 inch 1 00 to 1 00

HORSE BREEDING BUSINESS.

What is the Outlook Ahead?—As One Man Sees It.

The old Scotchman who declared that nobody could expect to be eloquent or entertaining so long as he drank only lemonade might also have added that to interest people in horses would require on the part of the reader at any rate a financial stimulant which, in these degenerate latter days, is only conspicuous by its absence. Never in the memory of "the oldest inhabitant" has there been such a universal apathetic sentiment in regard to the breeding of all kinds of horses, and yet within a few years—possibly before the end of next year—people will wonder why they could have been so foolish and shortsighted as to follow blindfold the common herd and leave off breeding simply because prices had fallen below the cost of production. The two principal causes of the present great depression are, in my opinion, the vast overproduction of common or inferior horses and the sympathetic effect caused by the universal industrial depression from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Another cause might be added—the substitution of electricity for horsepower and the belief that this may be very greatly extended in the immediate future.

Now, are those three causes temporary or permanent? Electricity will doubtless take the place from year to year of an increasing number of the class of horses suitable for street car work. This is inevitable. But will the teaming work of the cities, the heavy hauling in the piers, the work at present done by express companies, the ordinary road work in city or country or on the farm—will the horses at present used for such work be largely or even to any appreciable extent substituted by electricity or any other motive power? It seems incredible. Then, with regard to horses used principally for pleasure—ladies' and gentlemen's riding and driving horses and all the various styles of carriage horses, trotting horses and running horses—no substitution is possible. It is the inherent love of horses or sport or style that will always preserve what may be called pleasure horses from the inroads of any other mechanical force.

The general depression in business is not permanent. No sane man believes it to be permanent, but with the first genuine symptoms of revival the horse business will rally in sympathy with other branches of business. We have been going too fast. A halt and a slower pace have been ordered by the laws of nature. The other cause of depression—overproduction—has already affected its own cure. The breeding of thousands and tens of thousands of worthless horses, from the broncho up to the trotter that cannot trot, or even the inferior draft horse, was only continued so long as there seemed to be a profit in the business. Since the tide turned this is mostly stopped and will so remain until the next boom is sounded a few years hence. In the meantime all intelligent horse breeders, whether of draft or coach or trotting or running horses, will do well to "stick to the ship" if they possibly can. The outlook ahead is every way as bright as the experience of the last year or two has been gloomy and disastrous.—Waverly in Breeder's Gazette.

Live Stock Points.

An irritable, nervous rider or driver makes an irritable, nervous horse. It never fails. We have known a horse to spring aside and crush a man to death against the side of a stall simply because its owner was in the habit of entering in such a way that he frightened the horse and got it into the habit of jumping, as if to avoid a blow, when any one came into its stall. If you will observe, you will see that an excitable, high tempered man who has charge of horses in time makes them cross and unreliable. This should be especially remembered in the selection of jockeys or coachmen.

There are instances on record in which mares have carried foals as long as 18 months. Thirteen and 14 months are not uncommon. Female animals bred for the first time frequently carry their young longer than the regulation period.

Range sheep raisers are not going to breed mutton sheep exclusively. They say the wild grasses on which their wool sheep thrive are unfit to produce the highest order of mutton. Perhaps, too, the skin and bone wintering over that these same range sheep get has as much to do as the wild grasses with producing a poor article of sheep meat.

There is a good outlook for raisers of high grade mutton in the older states. The small bunches of sheep that can be comfortably cared for in winter are suitable for the farms, and from them will come the best mutton. Mutton it is to be remembered that mutton is becoming constantly more popular, particularly as the hot weather meet. The reason people used to have a prejudice against it was that they did not often get any that was fit to eat. Now we are changing that. With such care as British farmers have for centuries given their flocks, we begin to prove that as good mutton as theirs can be raised in the United States.

Lean meat makes hens molt more speedily. A teaspoonful of pulverized sulphur mixed in the feed for a dozen chickens will be a good thing for them in the molting season. Feed the mixture every third morning for two weeks.

The American consul at Zurich says there is a good market for American beef in Switzerland—either beef dressed or on the hoof. He recommends cattle shippers in the United States to communicate with the president of the Swiss Butchers' association.

Breed for winter lambs in September. If the spring lambs are weaned in September, their mothers will have a chance to get in good flesh before cold weather.

Sorghum seed makes a good variety in poultry feed.