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**PROVOCATIVE SPEECH**

DURING THE DEBATE ON THE BUDGET.

Sir R. L. Borden Attacks Sir Wilfrid Laurier—The Liberal Leader Refutes the Charges—Vigorous Speeches Made.

Ottawa, March 17.—At an early hour this morning the Government majority in the Commons turned down by a straight party vote Sir Wilfrid Laurier's amendment to the Finance Minister's tariff proposals. The horizontal tariff increase of 7½ per cent. in the general tariff, and of 5 per cent. against all British goods, is to remain in effect until the country has a chance to decide whether it wants to continue the present regime of extravagant expenditures, increased taxes, increased profits to the favored beneficiaries, and increased cost of living, to the whole body of consumers, or whether it wants to put no additional barriers against British trade when Britain is fighting the world's battles, wants a cessation of the riot of spending which has practically doubled national expenditures in three years, a return to sane national finance, fair play to consumers as well as to manufacturers, and war taxes that really are war taxes, rather than an excuse for more protection. That the country will have a chance to pronounce on this issue was made pretty evident from the tone and temper of the speeches given by Premier Borden, R. B. Bennett and Hon. Arthur Meighen, the three Government speakers.

**Question of Confidence.**  
All three took the ground that the Liberal amendment was in effect a straight want of confidence motion, and that the Government would be justified in appealing to the country. Mr. Bennett said he would not wait twenty-four hours for such a challenge. All three charged the cause of protection, and spent more time in justifying the increased tariff taxes on the ground of protection than on the ground of the necessities of the war. All three referred to the naval issue, and waved the flag, as a justification of the Government's course, and as an insinuation that the Liberals were not giving a proper co-operation to the Government in its war measures. All three speeches were evidently designed for campaign and stump purposes, and for bedbugging of the real issue raised by Sir Wilfrid's amendment.

On the Liberal side Messrs. Carvell, Macdonald, Lapointe, Verville and Hon. George P. Graham brought the house back to the real issue before the country. They emphasized the fact that the tariff taxes were not needed for war purposes at all, since all the money for war was otherwise provided; that protection and not economy or revenue was the motive behind the budget proposals; that the deficit which confronted the government was due not to any "inherited situation," but to reckless financing and the dissipation of the revenue surpluses of the Laurier regime by the present administration; that the new taxes bore heavily on the general consumer and lightly on the wealthy and protected interests; and that to impose additional barriers against British trade as the present time was unpatriotic, ungrateful and unjust.

**Proof of Protection Design.**  
The proof that the real design behind the tariff taxes was not revenue, but protection, was given by Hon. George P. Graham, who spoke at an early hour this morning. He drew attention to the fact that while the tariff increases would affect importations to the value of about \$513,000,000, the total increased revenue expected by the Minister of Finance was only twenty million dollars. But even on an average of only six per cent. higher duties, the increased tariff taxes should produce an increased revenue of at least thirty-two millions. Consequently the Minister of Finance practically admitted that there would be a restriction of imports this year, following the tariff increases, amounting to about thirty-seven per cent. The net result would be, therefore, that instead of being an increase of twenty millions in the customs revenue, as the Finance Minister said, there would be through the restriction of imports, following the raising of the tariff wall, a net decrease in the revenue of about ten millions.

The truce to Sir Robert Borden has become a mere scrap of paper. The Premier tore it up, then he stamped all over the fragments. There was acrimony in the Premier's first sentences. He bitterly assailed Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reference to the fact that the British precedent of consulting the Opposition in relation to matters of policy during the Parliamentary truce had not been followed. He could not communicate to Sir Wilfrid, he said, the Government's fiscal proposals, but he had on the Monday before the House opened talk to the Liberal leader the general programme "as far as I could foresee it." Sir Wilfrid, he added, had promised to transmit to him the Liberal programme, "but so far I have had not one word from him."

**Sir Wilfrid Refutes the Charge.**  
At the conclusion of the Premier's speech Sir Wilfrid rose in reference to this statement. He had not desired to interrupt Sir Robert during his speech, but he desired to make the facts of this conference clear. The Premier had come to him, pretending that it was to be a war session only. He had informed him that the measures were a further appropriation for war purposes, an act to indemnify Dominion Government notes, and further war tariff changes. "I told him," Sir Wilfrid added, "that we were quite satisfied with all legis-

lation for the purpose of advancing the cause of the war, and if there was anything else to be brought up on our side of the House outside of the war I would give him notice. Nothing else occurred. "Everybody," added Sir Wilfrid, "has his own sense of honor. To me confidential communications, even when sought by others, are confidential. I should never have revealed it if the right honorable gentleman has not himself chosen to bring it before the public, but I have no objection to all being known."

Premier Borden retorted warmly that he had been promoted to say what he did by reason of Sir Wilfrid's observations concerning the British precedent of consulting the Opposition. He did not think Sir Wilfrid's recollection differed in any way from his own, and he was not aware that there had been any violation of confidence. He had sent Sir Wilfrid a copy of every Government bill.

**IN MILITARY CIRCLES.**

Inspection of Queen's Engineering Company on Wednesday.

Lieut.-Col. G. S. Maunsell, R.C.E., director-general of Engineers Services, accompanied by Col. T. D. R. Hemming, inspected No. 5 company, Canadian Engineers, on Queen's low-est campus on Wednesday morning. Capt. Wilgar, acting D.C., was in command, and put the company through several manoeuvres. Col. Maunsell expressed himself as well satisfied with the work of the students.

Besides inspecting their work on the field, the inspector also saw several things that they have been constructing as part of their training. Between the stairs leading up to the rear of the Mineralogy building on Monday, fifteen of the Engineers built a bridge forty feet long in exactly one hour. To make the conditions as near as possible to those which would be met on the field, the students were given orders not to walk between the stairs, and all the material was drawn from one side to the other through the air. An observation tour and also a derrick were built by the students.

The third contingent were given a short route-march as far as the outer station on Wednesday morning. The men are rounding into shape rapidly, and their only complaint is that they consider themselves in good enough condition to be mobilized.

The officers training corps of Queen's will be examined on April 22nd, to see how many are qualified for commissions.

It is understood that on April 19th the Engineers of No. 5 company will be sent to Valcartier to prepare that camp for the mobilization of the Expeditionary troops now in training at the different regimental centres.

Major E. W. Jones has now fully recovered from his illness, and is able to be on duty. Lieut. Flavell is on the sick list.

The 26th Battery is now established in the Richardson building. Wednesday morning uniform was being issued. Major G. R. Hall and Capt. C. G. Allen arrived in the city on Tuesday, and with Capt. K. B. Carruthers, are looking after the many details involved in establishing a battery for overseas service. There are now about thirty men in the battery and more are expected. If the remainder of the men to complete the unit are as fine a type as the thirty who already are members, the 26th should be a splendid addition to the Third Contingent.

The cadet corps in connection with the Kingston schools are the recipients of different amounts for military drill and rifle shooting from the Strathcona fund. The cadet corps of the Collegiate Institute also won some time ago a shield donated by Major W. H. Macnee. Major G. H. Gillespie is responsible for the amounts from the Strathcona fund coming to the Kingston schools, as it was on his recommendation as Inspector of Cadet Corps that local cadets were chosen.

**Knows All, Sees All.**

The Hurst Selig Weekly is brim full of the latest happenings, shows Canadians at Salisbury Plain, a Dreadnought firing a broadside, a submarine submerged, and many of the latest events at the King Edward, to-night and Thursday.

**Cow Girl Arrested.**

Mabel Joyce who arrived about ten days ago from Kansas City, dressed in a very striking cow-girl's outfit, was arrested by Constable Arnie and Jenkins on Wednesday afternoon. She will be tried on Thursday morning on the charge of vagrancy.

**SPRING MEDICINE.**

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Spring sickness comes in some degree to every man, woman and child in our climate. It is that run-down condition of the system that results from impure, impoverished, devalitized blood.

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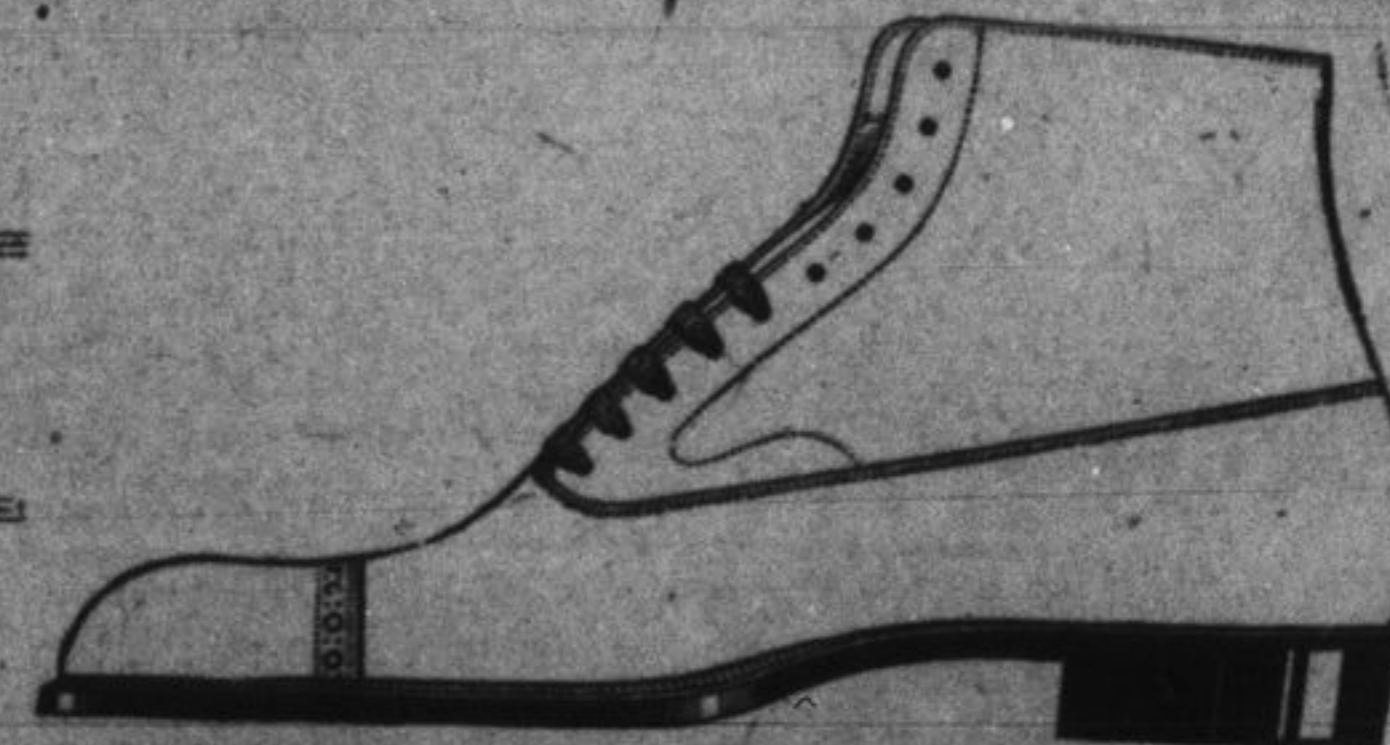
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