

THE DAILY EXAMINER. NOVEMBER 2, 1896.

HON. MR. DAVIES' SPEECH.

We publish to-day that part of the Patriot's report of the speech of the Hon. L. H. Davies which deals with the questions of the day. Mr. Davies speaks with the authority and responsibility of a minister of the Crown, and his statements are of general interest. The first point to be noted is Mr. Davies' remarkable contention that the present government were compelled to bolt the estimates of the past government? Was it for this that the economical elections of the Liberal Party cast their ballots? Is it for this that the "ablest government that Canada has ever seen" holds office? We can fancy the hearty unanimity with which those staunch Liberals who have worked and shouted "down with extravagance and corruption" and "up with economy and reform" will cry "No!" It may, indeed, be admitted that the present ministry is in honor bound to fulfill the part of the government in respect to contracts that were entered into by the late administration. But apart from this there is wide scope for the use of the Finance Minister's pruning knife. Surely the decision as to what ought to be pruned ought not to occupy more than the three months which elapsed before the late session was prorogued. Or is there really so little to pruned that it will tax the perceptive faculties of our great economists for a whole year to discover it? To let "reckless extravagance" go on for twelve months or more while Liberals are in office, "this ought not to be. But if it be true, as Mr. Davies says, that the Government "had no discretion in the matter," how is it that all the proposals of the late Government were not carried out? If they "had no discretion" in regard to some proposals they "had no discretion" in regard to any. In the House of Commons Mr. Davies justified the vote for the Park Roadway on the ground that the late Government had promised it. On the same ground Mr. Tarte justified the item of \$5,000 for an exhibition at Three Rivers, Quebec. On the same ground, at the banquet, Mr. Davies justified almost the whole of the enormous expenditures of the current year. Why, then, were not all the promises of the late Government with regard to this Province carried out? What about the proposed expenditures on Belle River breakwater, Red Point pier, Campbell's Cove and Miminagash Pier? It cannot be denied that the importance of these public works was brought to the notice of the Government by our able and attentive representatives, Messrs. McDonald, Hackett and Martin, who vainly pointed out to each and all had been promised by the late Government. If the Government had discretion to refuse to implement these promises it had discretion to refuse to implement others. Indeed, any man who takes the trouble to think about the matter must see that Mr. Davies' plea in justification of the unprecedented expenditures voted during the session lately closed is absolutely worthless. The Government evidently had ample time to think to curtail expenses; and that they had ample discretion is proved by reference to their own acts.

It will be admitted that, with the refrain of "Business is Business" ringing in the ears of electors, Mr. Davies' promise that we shall now have "clean and honest government" needs to be implemented. So we pass on to that which Mr. Davies says about the proposed changes in the tariff. It is to be regretted that his statement is not calculated to reassure the public. Much is clear in comparison with it. According to Mr. Davies, we are to have a tariff from which the principle of protection is to be "eliminated," and yet it is to afford incidental protection! Mr. Davies is evidently concealing his thought about the tariff, after the counsel of Machiavelli. Such a tariff as he has indicated is impossible and absurd. The people who are interested are consequently left to infer what they please, and the result must be an increase of the uncertainty that is now hampering business. Something is to be done about the tariff. But what? The principle of "incidental protection" in the present tariff is apparently to be retained. But there is to be tariff tinkering after the manner of the Democrats in the States, and no one knows what interest will be struck or how to buy or sell so as to save himself from incidental loss. This is the situation in which Mr. Davies leaves our men of business to make an excursion into his favorite field of Reciprocity with the States. He reminds us that the Liberal party is pledged to the bill to try to obtain a reciprocity treaty "which will be complete" and "based upon principles fair and honest to both countries." The words "complete" and "based upon principles fair and honest to both countries" seem to indicate that the government bankers after unrestricted reciprocity even though it had been emphatically condemned by Edward Blake and proved to be impossible without a heavy discrimination against the exporters of Great Britain. However this may be, Mr. Davies remains oblivious to the fact that it takes two to make a bargain and that the author of the McKinlay tariff is not likely, for the sake of Canada, to consent to take away the protection claimed and enjoyed by producers in the States.

We had almost forgotten Mr. Davies' remarks about the Civil Service. Those who make note of them cannot, of course, forget that the guillotine has been at work, and that employees of the Government have been dismissed without any enquiry as to whether or not they were neutral or were offensive partisans in the recent election contest. Even Ministers of the Crown ought to try to make their words square with the facts. The latest report about town is that a Mr. McKenzie, of Brad-

bane has been appointed watchman for the Provincial Building, vice McDonald dismissed, and that Mr. McKenzie is, we have heard, a very respectable man. But it need not be said that a watchman minus an arm is like a watchdog without teeth, worse than useless. If it is at all necessary to have a watchman about the Dominion building in this city, and we hear that dangerous characters have been seen prowling in its vicinity, it is necessary that he should be a strong man with all his limbs intact.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Hon. Mr. DeBell is off for the south of France, and the Star says that he is probably in search of his long lost memory. —New discoveries are constantly making their beer on Biblical history. The last is announced in The Academy by Professor Sayce, and comes from Dr. Scheil. He will be surprised to find that the names of Chedorlaomer, King of Elam, and Tidal, king of nations, of Genesis 14, on a Babylonian tablet, Dr. Scheil has just found, among the early tablets in the Consular Museum, Paris. The names of Chedorlaomer (the Amraphel of Gen. 14) to a King of Larsa, which relate to the war of independence waged by Hammurabi, at the end of which the latter gave his ally of Larsa status and other presents as a "reward for his valor on the day of the defeat of Chedorlaomer," the Elamite king.

—The Northwest Review, official organ of the Manitoba Roman Catholics, in an editorial on the school question settlement says: "We venture to think that when the actual terms of the arrangement are given to the public they will be found to be very different to those alleged in the reports now published daily. If they are not, we have only to say they will prove to be no other than a difficulty." The Catholics of Manitoba have right and justice on their side. They have a decision of the highest court in the empire in their favor: they have the sympathy of the vast majority of the electorate of Canada, and for all these reasons it may be taken for granted there will be no settlement until their rights under the constitution are restored in their fullness and entirety.

—The following declaration is self explanatory: "I, the undersigned, W. A. Grenier, publisher of La Libre Parole solemnly declare: That having read in the Globe of Toronto, 27th ult., the following statement: Hon. J. Israel Tarte made at Winnipeg to a correspondent of that paper: "He has labelled me in his paper because I would not give him money. If I had known what kind of a man he was I would not have paid any attention to him. He started out as a Christian brother; he was heard of later as a Protestant minister in Quebec, and he will end his days in prison." "The above declaration is entirely false, defamatory and unfounded. I declare I never have been a Christian brother, never a Protestant minister or a Protestant either in Canada or elsewhere." (Signed) W. A. GRENIER."

RUSSIA MOBILIZING.

The Reality of the Franco-Russian Alliance Very Apparent. A late London despatch says: The reality of the alliance between France and Russia is becoming more apparent with each successive day, and ominous rumors are being circulated in the continental press of significant mobilization and other military movements taken with a view to bring the French and Russian armies into closer touch and to increase their united effectiveness. A despatch to the Paris Soleil from St. Petersburg says that there has been an important exchange of views between the French and Russian Ministers of war, by which certain modifications have been effected in the general plan for the mobilization and concentration of the Franco-Russian troops in time of war.

THE SOLEI'S CLAIM.

The Soleil said that proof of this statement will soon be seen in a number of frontier charges, as the first step is said to have already been taken by an increase in the number of Russian dragoons. Confirmation of the Soleil's despatch comes from Vienna, the Neue Freie Presse of that city announcing that steps to complete the mobilization of the Russian forces are being taken in several districts. All the officers on leave or retired, it is further stated, have been recalled.

LOUIS LANSLOW'S VIEW.

His Ideas Regarding the Venezuelan Dispute. The Marquis of Lansdowne, Secretary of State for War, made an address on political issues at Leeds on the evening of the 27th. He expressed the belief that the Venezuelan question would soon be dealt with by an arbitrator or by an amicable compromise. Referring to the recent statement of Sir Edward Clark, that no impartial arbitrator would decide in favor of Great Britain in the Venezuelan question, the Marquis asserted that Sir Edward only referred to the districts border the Schomburgk. This, said the Marquis was a minor point, and was open to a wide diversity of opinion. When the time came England would go to court, not believing that every point would be given in their favor, but confident that their claims, at any rate, were supported by evidence based on well established principles of international law.

AN OLD AND WELL TRIED REMEDY.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over fifty years by millions of mothers for their children, while teaching with perfect success. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pains, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhoea. Is pleasant to the taste. Sold by Druggists in every part of the world. Twenty-five cents a bottle. Its value is incalculable. Be sure and ask for Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, and take no other kind. 513 W. W. Reddin.

FOR SALE. A TON OF SILVER LACEL WYANDOTTES.

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HAVE YOU SEEN THE WINDOW FULL OF BABIES, BLACK AND WHITE, AT WATSON'S DRUG STORE?

\$1,000 worth of Ready-made Clothing, in Ulsters, Suits and Pastry. These goods are made up from our own cloth and will be sold at cost to clear, in sizes from 34 to 44, breast-measure. We invite inspection. The goods must be sold as we cannot spare the room for them. They will be open today.—John Macleod & Co. oct29-1w

T. J. MORRIS IS OPENING A CROCKERY AND GLASS STORE ON SATURDAY NIGHT.

See all his old friends and also any new ones who may want first-class china or glass. Two doors below corner store. oct28 if

NEWS NOTES.

John L. Sullivan is suffering from cancer of the hand. He may have to suffer the loss of his arm. George Godfrey, of Boston, formerly of Charlottetown, is considering an offer to buy Steve O'Donnell. A letter from a Halifax man residing in Kansas says that every thing is dried up there for the want of rain. The drought continues with no signs of abatement and the crop situation in India is daily becoming more serious. Winnipeg has now got the gold mining craze, due to the rich discoveries of yellow metal on the eastern shores of Lake Winnipeg.

LIGHTNING STRUCK A FOOTBALL TEAM.

Lightning struck a football team as it was about to play a match at Liverpool recently, killing one man and badly injuring two others.

THE MADRID IMPARCIAL HAS OPENED A SUBSCRIPTION IN AID OF THE SPANISH SOLDIERS WOUNDED IN CUBA.

The Madrid Imparcial has opened a subscription in aid of the Spanish soldiers wounded in Cuba. Queen Regent contributed 10,000 pesetas to the fund. A despatch from Berlin says that the German Government is profoundly irritated at the disclosures made by the Hamburger Nachrichten, Prince Bismarck's organ.

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A Newspaper Library.

A most interesting and valuable scrap-book collection is that of Miss Doris Burshall of the Omaha Public Library. This young lady, who presides over the reading rooms and takes care of the newspaper, has accumulated a collection of clippings that there was a great loss of information when every month these files were destroyed, and she began to clip from them systematically. Enthusiastic and faithful in her work, it steadily grew until now, with the assistance of the head librarian, who recognized its value, it has become a comprehensive bureau of information. In most papers on long lines of shelves are ranged the big cardboard envelopes, book shaped, that, in alphabetical order contain clippings from the best known newspapers of every large city, comprising a wide and varied range of topics. One department of this unique collection is devoted to biography, and in this the clippings are mounted and when possible a sketch is headed by a portrait. These are well patronized by the local newspaper people, who want to have cuts made. Each clipping has marked upon it the paper from which it was taken and the date of its appearance.

FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN THERE IS A DEPARTMENT CONTAINING DESCRIPTIONS OF THE YULE HIDE, THE NATIONAL HOLIDAYS AND EVERY KIND OF FESTIVELY, WITH APPROPRIATE SELECTIONS IN VERSE AND PROSE.

By making use of every scrap of paper in a busy day, Miss Burshall is gaining a liberal education for herself and building up a storehouse of treasure for all who will come and receive it.

STORIES OF MACKENZIE.

Many stories are current about the Rev. Peter Mackenzie, the eccentric English Methodist preacher, whose death was announced not long since. On one of his numerous visits to London, he one evening went in company with a friend to Madame Tussaud's wax works. Going from room to room, he came to the Hall of Kings, and entered the golden chamber, where he saw the reading chair of Voltaire. "And this belonged," said he, "to the man that was going to pull down the edifice of Christianity and sweep the religion of Jesus from the earth." Then, seating himself in the chair in his own immitable style, he exclaimed, "No longer sitting crowded around him."

"JESUS SHALL REIGN WHEREVER THE SUN DOETH HIS SUCCESSIVE JOURNEYS RUN."

His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till sun shall rise and set no more. At Brighton on one occasion he prayed: "Lord, save the Methodists, for they are running after the Independents; Lord, save the Independents, for they are running after the Unitarians; Lord, save the Church of England, for she is running after the Church of Rome; Lord, save the Church of Rome, for she is running after the Papists." Leaving once on "The Tongue," he commented by saying: "The subject of my lecture is in everybody's mouth." In his lecture on the Devil, he said: "Why, the very name of the devil is bad. No one likes to hear it. Take the 'd' away, and it is 'evil'; take the 'e' away and it is 'vile'; take the 'v' away, and it is 'ill'; take the 'l' away and it leaves the 'd' place that nobody wants to go to."

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Episcopal Translation.

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Obituary.

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Laurier at Ottawa.

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