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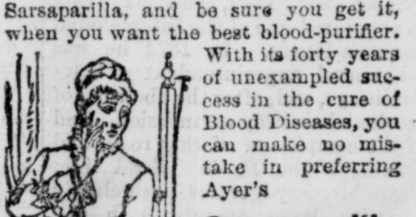
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**DOMINION PARLIAMENT.**

Decision on the Corn Duties.

BAITING THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES.

The Minister Successfully Defends Himself.

(Special Correspondence of the Examiner.)  
OTTAWA, Feb. 16.

In the House of Commons yesterday the principal business was the consideration of Supply. The Opposition objected to every vote, and during the discussion some amusing incidents occurred. The Ministers, however, appear to take the criticism of their opponents in very good humor.

On Thursday night the division on the Corn Amendment of Dr. Landerkin was taken. By the way, a great laugh was raised when, during the debate, Sir John said the House was getting "pretty well corned." While the Whips were collecting the members for the division, songs were sung by some of the members, and a general stir was consequently created. You have doubtless heard the result—42 majority for the Government. The Opposition are very much dissatisfied with the conduct of some of their principal men, and are more disorganized than ever.

Yesterday when the resolution for charges of management of the Marine Department was under consideration, Mr. Davies took exception to the division of the Marine and Fisheries Departments into two several Departments with two deputy heads. He said this was done to perpetrate a job on the country, and would greatly increase the cost of these Departments. The hon. Minister of Marine said that a saving of \$50,000 would be effected in consequence of the work in the Departments being more efficiently performed.

Mr. MITCHELL, of Northumberland, agreed that it was necessary to divide these Departments, but thought fuller information should be given of some of the changes made in the staff. Mr. Mitchell then went on to attack the Government for their management of the smelt fishery in New Brunswick—but the principal point brought out was that he had formerly been Minister of Marine himself.

Mr. DAVIES attacked the bounties to fishermen, saying that they were no boon to that class. He said that not fifty per cent. of the amount paid found its way into the fisherman's pocket. He understood from the hon. member for King's (Dr. McIntyre) that fishermen often had to travel three or four times, a distance of five or six miles to obtain a couple of dollars or so, and the time lost in obtaining the bounty was actually worth more than the money received. The system was a false one, and the bounty is not beneficial to the fishermen.

HON. MR. TUPPER told Mr. Davies very distinctly that he had no experience in managing a department like those under the control of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, although, no doubt, he was looking with long eyes to a seat in the Government.

Mr. Mitchell, who had had some experience, considered those departments should be separate, and the member for Quebec's should not form such hard and fast opinions on matters he knew very little about. The member for Queen's County was evidently not in touch with the fishermen of his province, or of the other Maritime Provinces. He (Mr. Tupper) had received letter after letter from members of this House, and others interested in the welfare of the fishermen, urging that the distribution of bounties to the fishermen should be made as early in the year as possible, for it was a great help to many of those who are in this business. The duties of these departments have greatly increased, as shown by the returns submitted. The preservation of the fisheries has incurred considerable expense, and enormously increased the work of the department. He then submitted copies of Orders-in-Council (as asked for by Hon. Mr. Mitchell) respecting the preservation of the smelt fishery. Respecting the bounty paid to fishermen, he had only received one complaint respecting the manner in which it is distributed, and that would be promptly looked to. If the hon. member for Queen's would spend a day or two in the several offices in the departments of Marine and Fisheries, he would see himself there were no grounds for the attack he had made, and that all the clerks employed there are required. He again asserted that the system now adopted would save the country \$50,000 a year.

The Minister, in answer to Mr. Flynn, of Richmond, said the reason why checks were not forwarded earlier, was owing to the fact that the year in the fisheries department ended on the 31st December, and consequently considerable time elapsed before all the returns were got in and audited. The checks would, however, be sent out this year as early as possible.

Sir Richard Cartwright then attacked the Minister of Fisheries, who seemed to be the special object of attack that evening. Sir Richard made some allusion to Mr. Tupper's parentage, saying that if the Minister were not his father's son he would not be where he is. This gave the Minister an opportunity to give Sir Richard a castigating, which he did in fine style, and the redoubtable Grit knight collapsed, very red in the face.

On the vote to increase the salary of Mr. Perley, Chief Engineer of Public Works, the Island contingent took occasion to raise the question of the wharves and piers, wanting to know who was responsible for their repair, but got very little satisfaction. The Government knew that these gentlemen are allied with a party that was against the interests of the Province on this matter,

and consequently have no confidence in their assertions.

After recess there was a very thin House, many members having accepted the invitation of the Directors of the Geological Survey to the conversation in their rooms at Sussex Street. Some nine hundred ladies and gentlemen were in attendance, including the Governor-General, Lady Stanley and the *élite* of Ottawa. It was a very swell affair, but a horrid crush. Music was supplied by the band of the G. G. F. G., and light refreshments were provided.

The Island members took advantage of the thin house to do some talking. Mr. Perry found fault with the amount paid the Lobster Fishery Commission. He said their report was very short. The book containing it was very small and could easily be carried in your pocket, and he wanted to know particularly why so much money had been paid to Mr. Hackett. Mr. Davies attacked the Government for the expenses incurred for cab hire and other contingencies. He also objected to the amount paid for travelling expenses of Ministers, who invariably had free passes over the railways. He wanted to know if Ministers travelled on these passes and then charged for travelling expenses.

Sir John indignantly refuted the charge made by Mr. Davies, and said he was surprised that any hon. member would make such an assertion. This was the first time I saw the First Minister throw up, and it evidenced the power he can warm into debate when occasion requires it. Poor Mr. Davies said he made no such charge; but the cheers of the Government side for their leader drowned almost all Mr. Davies said. Good humor was shortly afterwards restored, when Sir John, replying to Mr. Wilson, of Elgin, who charged that the Prime Minister's cab hire was excessive, said he was too poor to keep horses, too old to walk, and that while he remained in the public service, he thought the country would pay his cab hire. This aroused loud cheers from the Government side, one gentleman proposing that Sir John's allowance should be increased to \$25,000 a year.

NOTES.  
The House does not meet again until Monday, when Sir Richard Cartwright's resolution respecting Canada's right to make her own treaties will be discussed.

I have been surprised to notice the great increase in Ottawa during the past twelve years or so. It is now a large city, and the houses of the wholesale trade and their private residences are very fine, indeed. Ottawa has the best looking horses I have seen since I left the Island. The carriage horses show lots of speed lines, and the truck horses are fine and heavy.

Hon. Mr. Arsenault left for home this morning, intending to call at St. Laurent, where he has a son in college.  
Hon. Mr. Macdonald goes to Toronto next week on a visit to Capt. Gordon of the Acadia.

The weather is fine, clear and cold, with good sleighing. Trade appears very active, but this is Ottawa's busy season.

I understand it is the intention of the Government to take off the duty on sulphuric acid and phosphoric acid when imported for manufacturing artificial fertilizers, by which fertilizers in their purity—not worthless articles like many now imported—can be sold to the farmers at low prices.

A great many persons, including a good contingent of the P. E. Islanders in the city, attended the lecture of Mr. Parkin on Imperial Federation. It was a most enthusiastic meeting. The lecturer handled his theme in a masterly manner, and delineated the advantages and necessity of maintaining British unity so eloquently and lucidly that his audience were fairly electrified.

Mr. Perry has given notice that on Friday next he will move for order of the House for a return of all correspondence between the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, and A. Lord, Esq., Agent, Ch'town, P. E. Island, or any other person, having reference to the dismissal of Captain Ronald Campbell, Harbor Master for Summerside.

He has also given notice of an Enquiry of Ministry: Have the Government appointed an Assistant Fishery Commissioner for P. E. Island? If so, who is he? What is the date of his appointment and the amount of his salary.

Dinner parties are all the rage here. A large one was given on Tuesday night by Sir John Thompson, at which Hon. Archibald J. Macdonald, who is in the city, was present.

The Press Gallery is very well filled this year. No seats can be obtained in the lower one, and your correspondent was promoted to the upper seats. However, my hearing is good, and when I get the run of the House, I will be able to give a good account of our Island representatives when they claim attention. G. F. O.

LABEL SUIT.—An exchange says that the Boston, Halifax and P. E. Island Steamship Co. have brought a suit for libel against the Halifax Herald Publishing Co. and B. W. Chipman and Harry D. Chipman. The suit arises out of the publication of an article calculated to injure the plaintiffs. The damages, it is said, are placed at \$25,000.

TO STRENGTHEN THE NAVY.—Advice from London says it is reported that at the coming session of Parliament the Government will propose a defence loan of one hundred million pounds. The proceeds of the loan will be devoted to the construction of twenty men-of-war and fifty cruisers, and to increase the number of torpedo boats.

THE STANLEY.—The winter mail steamer Stanley will be laid up at Georgetown on arrival from Pictou on Saturday, the 23rd inst., to clean boilers, and will resume the mail service on Monday the 4th March prox. The Capes mail service will be organized and begin work on Monday, the 25th inst., and will continue until the steamer Stanley is again put on the Georgetown-Pictou route.

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