

FACILITATE NECESSARY WAR MEASURES, BUT...

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TO SECURE FULL SCRUTINY OF
ALL EXPENDITURES.**

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The first Liberal caucus of the session was held this morning, and sessional plans were discussed. The note struck by Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the opening of the session, declaring the hearty co-operation of his Majesty's loyal Opposition with the Government in facilitating all necessary war measures, was also the note of the caucus. At the same time it was decided that it was the duty of the Opposition to secure an adequate scrutiny of all expenditures, and to see that the country got full value for every outlay of the taxpayers' money.

On the tariff issue the caucus was unanimous in declaring that there should be a full discussion of the portent and policy of a general tariff boost, as being in the interest of the beneficiaries of high protection, and not primarily a revenue measure, designed to meet the Government's financial necessities due to extravagance in the ordinary business of administration.

The Budget debate will not be resumed until Tuesday next, the Prime Minister having intimated that it would better suit the convenience of the House to resume it next week, instead of on Thursday of this week, as originally intended.