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LOCAL

Mrs. W. A. Merritt is very seriously ill.
John McCorvie spent yesterday in Dresden on business.

The Board of Trade are furnishing rooms in the market building.
Dr. McKough was at Charing Cross yesterday on professional business.

Miss Laura Tickner left to-day to accept a position with R. F. Fife & Company, Detroit.

Percy Chinnick, a clerk at the Standard Bank, was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday.

Fred. Heath, of London, who has been spending the past few days in the city, returned home last night.
Roy Besant, while skating at the rink last night, had the misfortune to fall and sprain his wrist badly.

The Grand Central Hotel is being remodelled. A new coral tile floor will be put in the main rotunda and bar. A new plate glass front will also be put in the hotel.

Ex-Mayor Geo. W. Cowan received a letter this morning from D. A. Gordon, M. P., congratulating him on being the first president of an association to protest against the Monk's Bill, for the organization of co-operative societies.

Judge Houston will leave for Toronto to-morrow, where he will attend an executive meeting of the Ontario Bar Association. This meeting is being held for the purpose of making arrangements for the general meeting of the association to be held in Toronto on June 4. Among others who will address the members at this meeting will be Chief Justice Fitzpatrick, whose eloquence has made him famous as an after-dinner speaker.

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PREM. LAURIER WAS SILENT

He Did Not Speak On The
Subject Of Imperial
Defense

Presence Of Botha
Continues To Supply Dramatic Moments

London, April 25.—It is noticeable that Premier Laurier has observed complete silence during the discussion of plans for defence at the sittings of the Imperial Conference, although every other Premier spoke on this subject. It is understood that Canada does not favor participation in the schemes for Imperial Defence.

Gen. Botha, when the question of naval defence arose, said he could only give a pious opinion, since, on an historic occasion, Great Britain had barred the Transvaal's way to the sea.

The presence of Gen. Botha continues to supply the conference with some dramatic moments, as on Saturday, when War Secretary Haldane, sitting opposite and looking straight into Gen. Botha's eyes, confessed that Great Britain had entered upon the Boer war without adequate preparation, but that the lesson of preparedness had been well learned since by both the late and present Governments.

A Pertinent Question.
London, April 25.—In the House of Commons yesterday, Premier Campbell-Bannerman stated he was unaware of any country which on the whole gives as favorable trade treatment to the self-governing colonies as did the United Kingdom. Haldane asked the Premier whether the British obligation to defend the self-governing colonies had ever been defined, and what reciprocal obligation the colonies had undertaken for the defence of the United Kingdom.

The Premier replied that the obligation of the United Kingdom to defend the Empire was independent of any written agreement. There seemed no doubt the colonies recognize an obligation to assist in the defence of the Empire as a whole.

Real Security Now.
In the House of Commons Mr. Haldane, Minister of War, said he was rejoiced to know the colonial Premiers had decided his army scheme was the best pattern of organization, "so that we should have an imperial territorial force, which would give us real security."

GUESTS OF BRITISH M.P.'S.

Laurier Says Labors of Conference Will Result In Good.

London, April 25.—(C. A. P.)—The M.P.'s in both Houses yesterday entertained to luncheon the Colonial Premiers. The interior of Westminster Hall was appropriately decorated, but did not present so brilliant a scene as on the occasion of the entertainment to the officers of the French fleet, two years ago. Prior to luncheon a reception was formed to which a procession was formed to the banquet hall. Among the last to arrive were Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier.

The Prime Minister and practically the whole of the Cabinet, and many other distinguished notabilities were present. The banquet played "The Maple Leaf Forever." After the usual loyal toasts, Premier Campbell-Bannerman proposed in appropriate terms the toast to "The Colonial Premiers," Balfour supporting.

Premier Laurier, responding, said no stranger could enter that hall without feeling respect and reverence, and without being oppressed by the ages, and chiefly by those which had done most for the liberty of mankind. The labors of the Colonial Premiers in this country would not be in vain, but this country would not be in vain, but would tend for good, and they would go back more impressed than ever with a sense of imperial unity, coupled with, and based on, local autonomy. Premier Botha also replied.

THE INCREASED POSTAGE.

Not In Best Interests of Country Says Senator Ellis.

Ottawa, April 25.—In the Senate yesterday Senator Ellis brought up the increased postage to the United States, questioning the increase being in the best interests of the country. The minimum rate on a Canadian newspaper to the United States was one cent a package. The good which the circulation of Canadian newspapers did in the United States was to be seen each year by the large number of Canadians from the United States who took part in homecomings held in the towns and cities throughout the Dominion each year. Under the new postal rates the country would have to pay 25 cents a year postage, and the semi-weekly \$1.04. The result would be a falling off in the papers going to the United States.

ELIZABETH SARRELL PASSED AWAY TODAY

The death of Elizabeth Sarrell, wife of Wm. J. Sarrell, took place this morning after a lingering illness. Deceased was 24 years of age and died at St. Joseph's Hospital. She was married but a short time and her death is a sore affliction to her young husband.

The funeral will take place on Saturday at 9.30 o'clock from her late residence, interment in St. Anthony's cemetery.

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A NEW OIL COMPANY HAS BEEN INCORPORATED

The Ontario Gazette announces that under The Ontario Companies Act, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor in-Council has, by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of the Province of Ontario, bearing date the 4th day of April, 1907, been pleased to grant a Charter creating and constituting, without personal liability, Joseph Thomas O'Keefe and Thomas Augustine Drew, produce merchants; James Taff, contractor, and Frederick Stone, barrister-at-law, all of the city of Chatham, in the County of Kent, and Province of Ontario; Benjamin Visscher Hole, contractor, and Clifford Benjamin Keenleyside, merchant, both of the city of London, in the County of Middlesex, and Province of Ontario aforesaid, and Walter Herbert Gates, of the city of Toronto, in the County of York, and Province of Ontario aforesaid, broker, and any others who have become subscribers to the Memorandum and Agreement of the Company, a corporation for the purposes and objects following, that is to say: "Subject to the provisions of the Ontario Mining Companies Incorporation Act, and with all the powers mentioned in section four of the said Act, to carry on in all their branches the operations of a mining, milling, reduction and development company;" the corporate name of the company to be The Empress Tilbury Oil and Gas Company, Limited; the share capital of the company to be one hundred and fifty thousand dollars divided into one hundred and fifty thousand shares of one dollar each, the head office of the company to be at the said city of Chatham, and the provisional directors of the company to be Joseph Thomas O'Keefe, Thomas Augustine Drew, Benjamin Visscher Hole, Clifford Benjamin Keenleyside, Walter Herbert Gates, hereinbefore mentioned.

This is the company operating on the Matt. Campbell farm, on which one big well was struck.

W. W. Trewin is visiting friends in Blenheim.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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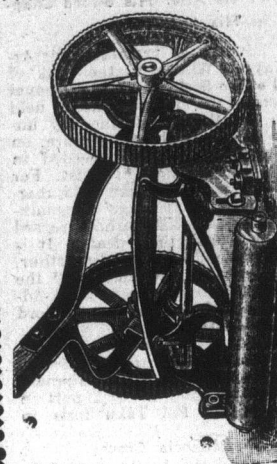
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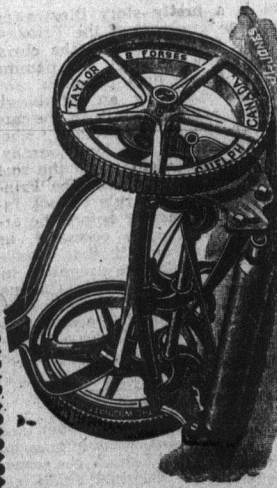


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