

FIELDING EARL GREY TO VISIT ALBANY EARLY IN MARCH IS A BARE

President Taft Makes Final Effort To Avert Tariff War With Dominion--Plans Conference.

PRESIDENT STILL HOPEFUL OF OUTCOME

Rochester, N. Y., March 18.—Although the situation seems well hopeless, President Taft has not given up the idea of averting a tariff war with Canada. He has invited to meet him in Albany either tomorrow or on Sunday, W. S. Fielding the Canadian minister of finance, Henry M. Hoyt, councillor of the state department and Chas. M. Pepper, tariff expert of the department of commerce and labor, will come from Washington to be present at the conference.

HISTORY IN MAKING

History, both state and international, may be made here tomorrow and Sunday when Albany entertains the President of the United States and the Governor General of Canada. The President comes on the invitation of personal friends and originally, it is believed, his visit was intended to be purely social. But since he accepted the invitation to meet here, the Canadian tariff situation has become acute and the present crisis has arisen in the affairs of the Republic.

EARL GREY

Earl Grey, who will arrive later, will be welcomed on behalf of the state by Adjutant-General Nelson H. Henry, the governor's chief of staff, and a committee from the University Club, which will include Speaker Wadsworth of the assembly. Local military companies will escort Earl Grey to the Hotel Ten Eyck, where he will be the guest of the University Club during his stay.

FIELDING ACCEPTS

Ottawa, Ont., March 18.—Mr. Fielding has accepted the invitation to meet President Taft at Albany. The feeling is that while his acceptance takes some of the gloss of Canada's aloofness, a refusal would be ungracious.

NORMAN H. PHINNEY THE STANDARD BEARER

Bridgetown, Mar. 18.—A large and representative meeting of the delegates of the Liberal-Conservative of Annapolis county was held this afternoon for the principal purpose of nominating a candidate to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Gen. E. DeBilt, who was nominated two years ago with A. L. Davidson as a candidate for House of Assembly. Norman H. Phinney, of Lawrenceville, was the unanimous choice of the convention. Mr. Phinney is the head of the firm of N. H. Phinney and Co., and is probably one of the ablest men in the county.

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CORRESPONDENCE IS BROUGHT DOWN

Ottawa, Mar. 18.—It will be recalled that Dr. Daniel and his committee proved in the public accounts committee that the public works department called for tenders for dredging at Beacon bar and Courtenay Bay in St. John harbor, that the Dominion Dredging Company and Mr. John E. Moore's Maritime Dredging and Construction Company were close competitors, the contract being awarded to the latter and that the successful company after all did the work at its unsuccessful competitor's figures.

LET IT BE DARK

It turns out that the Dominion Dredging Company PROTESTED MOST ENERGETICALLY, THAT IT WAS STUPEFIEDLY KEPT IN THE DARK, THAT BUT FOR THE DENIAL OF INFORMATION IT WOULD HAVE TENDERED AT A FAR LOWER FIGURE, AND THAT JOHN E. MOORE'S COMPANY WAS GIVEN THE BENEFIT NOT ONLY OF INFORMATION BUT OF IMPORTANT RELAXATIONS OF THE REGULATIONS.

HOUSE MEETS

The house met at three o'clock. Mr. McLeod presented the report of the standing rules committee. Mr. Morrison announced that information asked for in inquiry by honorable members was contained in the accounts which had been delivered by the public accounts department to the public accounts committee and was still in that committee's possession.

THE DRY DOCK COMPANY

Hon. Mr. Maxwell presented the petitions of the city of St. John and the Imperial Dry Dock Company in favor of a bill to amend the act relating to the Imperial Dry Dock Company. Hon. Mr. Maxwell introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the Imperial Dry Dock Company. Hon. Mr. Hazen introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the Imperial Dry Dock Company.

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Hallifax, N. S., March 18.—Dalhousie defeated the University of New Brunswick here last night in the intercollegiate debate. The subject was: "Resolved, that the House of Lords should be abolished." U. N. B. held that it should while Dalhousie supported the negative. The debate was very close and it was some time before the judges reached a decision. U. N. B. perhaps gave a superior presentation, but the Dalhousie men showed a more thorough study of the subject and won the decision on argument.

ACADIA WINS

The debate at Wolfville tonight between Acadia and Kings' College, resulted in a victory for the Acadia team. The U. N. B. team dwelt principally on the aristocratic formation of the upper chamber and how it was perpetuated by the hereditary principle. They held it was a case of blood and birth versus genius, work and character, and that the trend towards the democratic was in the better interests of the nation and people as a whole.

GOVERNMENT ON THE ROCKS

Edmonton, Mar. 18.—The Alberta Government is now in the position of having to compromise with the insurgents upon almost every question which comes up. Yesterday the Government under heavy pressure, had to concede every point to the insurgents in their demand for a full investigation of the waterways deal and the position of the Government in these circumstances hanging to the office as they are by only three of a majority is exceedingly precarious.

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FIFTY FISHERMEN RESCUED FROM ICE

St. Petersburg, March 18.—After a lengthy search and when they had almost been given up as lost, fifty fishermen were rescued today from a perilous position on an ice floe in the Gulf of Finland. The men were set adrift near Peterhof by the ice breaking away from the shore. They suffered many hardships.

UNITED STATES AND FRANCE IN TARIFF PACT

Rochester, N. Y., March 18.—President Taft announced here tonight that an entire agreement had been reached with France on all tariff differences and that at Albany tomorrow he would sign a proclamation giving to France the 25 per cent reduction of rates provided for in the Payne-Aldrich tariff law.

ANNAPOLIS COUNTY MAN VICTIM OF EXPLOSION

Annapolis, N. S., March 18.—Chas. Smith of Mortons Gap lies at the point of death as the result of an explosion which occurred early this morning and at the hour of writing the gravest doubts are entertained for his recovery. There is no telephone communication with Mortons Gap and authentic information is not obtainable.