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IMPORTERS.

OUR SPRING MILLINERY OPENING ... WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25th,

and following days. We take this opportunity to thank our patrons for their past patronage and cordially invite you to this display of Spring Millinery and Dress Goods Wednesday next.

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BURDENS OF FARMERS.

Held Before the Members of the Government.

Ottawa, March 26.—The Manufacturers' Association having presented to the Government their case in favor of increased protection, a deputation representing the Farmers' Association today laid before the Premier and the Ministers of Finance and Customs reasons against the raising of the tariff. They also opposed the granting of subsidies to railways, and advocated the passing of Mr. Cowan's bill for drainage across railways.

The deputation comprised Messrs. Thomas Brooks, Brantford; J. L. Wilson, Alexandria; Robert McMorris, South Huron; R. B. McLean, West Suncoy; W. L. Smith, Secretary, representing the Farmers' Association of Ontario. They were accompanied by Senator W. C. Edwards, Messrs. J. B. Robinson, M.P.; Wm. Ross, M.P.; South Ontario; J. J. Gould, M.P.; C. F. Heyd, M.P.; and J. F. Schell, M.P.

The memorandum presented stated in part:—Our membership is made up of men of both political parties who hold different views as to the tariff. Some of them are free traders, some are protectionists, but all are united in opposing an increase in the tariff at the present time.

There is some difference of opinion even among farmers on the tariff question, but there is practically unanimity among those engaged in agriculture in declaring unalterable opposition to the granting of further subsidies in any form to any private railway or private corporation of any kind. There is no part of the world to which more attention is being directed, or which is making more rapid progress, than the Northwest Territories of Canada. Forty thousand farmers in Manitoba produced \$50,000,000 worth of farm produce last year. It is estimated that the whole Northwest will produce 100,000,000 bushels of wheat this year. Recent reports indicate that 40,000 British settlers will move into the Northwest during the coming season, and that they will be accompanied by 200,000 people from across the line.

Surely, with developments such as these figures indicate taking place, there is no excuse for the granting of public aid towards private railway building in that country. No subsidies are given towards railway building in the United States. It may be said that the United States is an older country than this, and that conditions are consequently different. It must be remembered, however, that the railways in the United States, on the average, charge about 25 per cent. less for carrying freight, and probably 35 per cent. less for the carrying of passengers than we are charged on this side of the line. Besides this, railways in the United States are taxed on an average of \$261 per mile, while ours are largely exempt from taxation.

Mr. Fielding asked if the farmers represented in the deputation had railway facilities and means of shipping their products to market.

A reply in the affirmative was returned.

Mr. Fielding—Then, would you say that the farmers in some other portion of Canada should not have equal facilities?

Mr. Smith—I would say that the railways should be built entirely at the expense of the promoters, or as a Government undertaking.

Mr. Fielding—That is not an answer to my question. Should not other farmers be entitled to the same facilities that you enjoy?

Mr. Smith—Our position is, not another dollar for railway bonuses. Sir Wilfrid thanked the deputation for favoring him with their views, and promised consideration.

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THE IRISH BILL.

TO SETTLE THE FEUDS OF A THOUSAND YEARS.

Mr. Wyndham's Land Purchase Measure Introduced in the House of Commons—Hopefully Received by the Nationalists—Remarkable Scenes in the Lobbies of the House.

London, March 26.—Mr. Wyndham, Chief Secretary for Ireland, introduced the land bill in the House of Commons yesterday. It is already conceded as absolutely certain that the bill will pass, although it may be modified in its minor details. After outlining the features of the bill as above the Irish Secretary explained that while the maximum charge on the British treasury would not exceed \$1,975,000 in a single year, the reduction in the cost of the administration of Ireland would amount to \$1,250,000. Against this charge on the British treasury the Government propose forthwith to commence reductions in the cost of administration amounting to \$1,250,000 per annum for ever. Proceeding, Mr. Wyndham dealt in detail with the points of the bill, which contains a bewildering mass of figures, showing how advances will be made and the terms of repayment, but it seems, in the main, to be on the lines laid down by the land conference report and will be satisfactory to the landlords and tenants. In the course of his speech, which was punctuated by cheers, Mr. Wyndham said the landlords of Ireland were being ruined financially, and the taxpayers of England were paying \$750,000 per annum to the land commission and \$7,000,000 to the Irish police, which largely was needed to deal with illegalities arising from the land question.

In conclusion, Mr. Wyndham said he was sure the landlords and tenants will continue to act in the reasonable spirit which actuated the conference. The country could prolong the Irish land question, but it could not initiate and henceforth prosecute a business transaction occupying some fifteen years, based on the self-esteem and mutual goodwill of all concerned.

Mr. Wyndham finished speaking at 4.10 p.m. John Redmond, the Irish leader, followed Mr. Wyndham, saying everybody would admit that the tone and temper of the Secretary's speech showed he realized the gravity of the situation in Ireland, and that he was anxious to sincerely attempt to grapple with it. Mr. Redmond deprecated hasty judgment, especially Mr. Wyndham's proposals, either for or against them. No one could question that the proposals were an enormous advance upon those of last year, or that they really aimed at a settlement of the question. He, however, took exception to the commissioners, especially Mr. Wrench. If the bill was passed, he concluded that the bill offered a reasonable hope of a settlement it would be accepted by them.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, said he would not pass summary judgment on the "great measure" presented with so much power, and he would ask for information on certain points, which he enumerated.

Mr. Healy (Irish Nationalist) gave the measure a cordial reception. He suggested alterations in the distribution of the provision for the distribution of the free grant.

Mr. Wyndham replied. He said \$600,000,000 formed the limit. The Government would go no further. The Secretary asked that no hasty judgment be passed in the House of Commons. The bill was then formally introduced, and passed its first reading.

The passing of the first reading of the bill was followed by a rush to the lobby, where ensued scenes that might well make the ghost of Parnell turn in his grave. The tall form of Lord Dudley, the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, could be seen amidst a crowd of nationalists, who scarcely a year ago would rather have suffered every penalty than associate with the official head of the Irish Government.

Beside Lord Dudley stood the grizzled little Sir Anthony MacDonell, the first National Assistant Irish Secretary. He it was who drafted the bill. Right Hon. Horace Plunkett, Lord Iveagh, Lord Ashburne and many Unionist members joined the group. The Duke of Abercorn, the most powerful landlord in Ireland, asked to be introduced to John Redmond, and a mutual friend brought the Duke to the leader of the Nationalist party, with whom the peace of Ireland under the House of Commons refreshment bar.

The Duke of Abercorn said:—"Today's proceedings are certainly a matter for congratulation. I hope the provisions of the bill will be carried out. It looks as though the ancient hatchet has been buried."

John Redmond said he was unable to add anything to his utterances in the House, but he seemed in a quite hopeful mood.

FULL OF STRYCHNINE.
Prof. Ellis Reports on the Wabigoon Candies.

Toronto, March 26.—Prof. Ellis has submitted his report of the analysis of the candies forwarded from the Wabigoon district, in New Ontario, where they were alleged to have nearly ended the life of Geo. Chiverton through the poison they contained. Prof. Ellis reports that the candies contained a large quantity of strychnine, enough in fact to more than kill a person. The Attorney-General's Department have forwarded the report to Col. Sherwood, Chief of the Dominion Police, who has charge of the case, an arrest having been made at Dalhousie, N.B.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

GEN. MACDONALD DEAD.

KILLED HIMSELF AT AN HOTEL IN PARIS.

Shot Himself in the Right Temple and Expired Almost Immediately—Created Painful Sensation.

Paris, March 26.—Major-General Hector Macdonald, commanding the British forces in Ceylon, and one of the foremost officers in the British army, against whom charges based on immoral acts were filed some time ago, committed suicide at the Hotel Regina here. He shot himself in the right temple shortly after noon, and expired a few minutes later. The general was alone in his small chamber on the Mezzanine floor of the hotel at the time of the tragedy. One of the female attendants heard the pistol shot, and, opening the door, saw the general's figure outstretched on the floor with the blood gushing from a bullet wound in the head. She ran screaming to the balcony overlooking the lobby of the hotel, where many guests, including a number of ladies, were assembled. The proprietor of the hotel was the first to reach the expiring man. Medical help was immediately summoned, but was found to be useless, death ensuing quickly.

The Commissary of Police was notified, and, accompanied by a doctor, proceeded to a preliminary investigation. No money or papers of any kind were found in Sir Hector's baggage. Two notes written in English, and found lying on a table in his room, and these were taken possession of by the authorities, but it is understood their contents have no bearing on the suicide. In the general's coat, lying on the bed, were found some photographs. The British Embassy and Consulate were notified later, and Consul-General Inglis visited the hotel and took charge of the body, which was placed on the bed. The door was then locked, the Consul-General taking the key. The French officials took possession of the revolver.

Sir Hector Macdonald arrived in Paris last Friday evening from London, on his way back to Ceylon, where it was understood that he held a court-martial charge made against him. On reaching the hotel at 11 o'clock at night he was told that only a small and indifferent room was available. He replied that that was quite sufficient. He was not accompanied by any one here, and he stayed a day or two in Paris. Little was seen of him since his arrival. He was, however, in the hotel lobby about noon to-day, and it is believed that a newspaper printed in English, containing a resume of the grave charges brought against him and embellished with the general's portrait in full uniform, came under his attention. He left the lobby, going to his room, and the pistol shot followed soon after.

No arrangements have yet been made as to the disposition of the body, which is subject to the orders of the British authorities. Both the British Embassy and Consul-General Inglis have advised London of the tragedy, and are awaiting definite instructions. The general's suicide has profoundly shocked the British officials here. Those about the hotel who had conversed with Sir Hector Macdonald recently say he showed no signs of excitement or mental worry.

NEW BRUNSWICK CABINET.

Hon. H. A. McKeown Becomes Solicitor-General—Other Changes.

Fredericton, March 26.—After a meeting of the New Brunswick Government last night it was announced that Hon. H. A. McKeown, one of the St. John members of the Legislature, who has been a member of the Government without portfolio, had been appointed Solicitor-General. This portfolio has been vacant for some time.

Mr. P. J. Sweeney, the newly-elected M.P. from Westmoreland County, will become a member of the Government without portfolio, in place of Hon. Mr. Geo. F. Hill of St. Stephen, whose resignation was accepted just prior to the recent elections. Mr. Sweeney is an Irish Catholic and a rising young barrister of Moncton.

THE CHOSEN FRIENDS.

Protest Against Income Taxation of Societies.

London, Ont., March 26.—There were over 400 delegates in attendance at the session of the Grand Council of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends. The election of officers was resumed yesterday, but was not concluded when adjournment was made at the hour for supper. Rev. A. J. Paul of Hawkestone was elected President; P. A. Bogue of Montreal, Grand Marshal; Mrs. W. G. Lemon, London, Grand Warden, and Mrs. M. C. Graham of Strathroy, Grand Guide.

An amendment to the Past Grand Councilors to attend the Grand Councils, with the right to vote. The Grand Council also elected a committee to make every effort to have the assessment made every two years, but that the matter should be decided by the Grand Council at the previous meeting.

The following resolution was passed:—"The Grand Council in annual session assembled, protest against the injustice of the taxation by municipalities of the income arising from the surplus funds of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends and other societies, and hereby instruct the Executive Committee to make every effort to have the assessment made every two years, but that the matter should be decided by the Grand Council at the previous meeting."

Beaten to Death.

Shamokin, Pa., March 25.—Anthony Robodinsky, who was a non-union man in the late strike, was found beaten to death on the railroad track here to-day. There is no clue to the murderers.

BOY' BELONGINGS

Everything that the boy wears, except his boots to be found here.

This is what we are making a special display of suits, Spring Overcoats, Shirts, Caps, Hats and Ties for boys—boys of all sizes and conditions.

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Apot. of Steel Enamelled ware of first quality.

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From the Planet has placed itself in a position to have a special pendant on the spot and all things have been fully and promptly accurately chronicled. But, as it is stated before, the many wiles of "great strikes," big gashed wonderful yields" which have given place in our contemporary simply fabrications and, in view of the use to which they are being put, the many enquiries received by the Planet, it has been decided to a full statement of the facts.

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The buildings, furniture, comprising 150 beds, 4,000 yards of carpet, heated laundry utensils, bar and fixtures, fireproof safe; also ice omnibuses, ten buggies, boats, one sailboat, gardener's and all equipment used in a large hotel.

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