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RUTHERFORD CABINET PREMIER WILL LIKELY RESIGN TO-DAY HAS FALLEN APART

Messrs. Cross and Marshall
Have Deserted Him, and
Cushing Declined to
Go Back.

AN EARLY ELECTION
NOW INEVITABLE

EDMONTON, Alta., March 9.—(Special.)—Premier Rutherford is expected to formally resign the administration of Alberta Government to-morrow. With him will go the remnant of his cabinet, Hon. Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture, and Hon. P. E. Lessard, minister without portfolio. Hon. C. W. Cross, attorney-general, and Hon. Walter Buchanan, minister without portfolio, resigned this morning, and Premier Rutherford faced the house this afternoon in company with only one minister, Lessard. The premier is already believed to have handed his written resignation to the lieutenant-governor. Already supporters of Cross are getting busy in an effort to make him the leader of the reorganized Liberal party. If he finds that he has a majority of members in the house, it is believed that he will take the leadership and go to the country, upon the defeat of Rutherford. Hon. W. H. Cushing, resigned minister of public works, will also be expected to resign the party, and a fight will be between these two in the election that is expected within a very short time. A house divided against itself cannot stand, and Rutherford, who triumphantly returned to power last year with a legislature overwhelmingly Liberal, has been forced out by a split within his own cabinet, and still greater one within the ranks of his own party. It is all due to the government's attempt to force thru the agreement

NAVAL COUNCIL IS BRITAIN'S LATEST

Announced by Admiralty Lord
—Navy Estimates Provide for Large Increase to the Fleet.

LONDON, March 9.—The navy estimates for 1910, which were issued by the admiralty to-night, provide for an expenditure of £29,610,000, an increase of £27,805,000 over 1909. The increase is almost wholly taken up by shipbuilding armaments authorized by parliament, and a considerable number of submarines. By April 1 there will be under construction seven battleships, three armored, nine protected and two unarmored cruisers, 37 destroyers and nine submarines. The estimates further provide for an increase of 8000 men in the personnel of the navy, and the completion during 1911 of two floating docks, to accommodate the largest battleships. These will be stationed at Portsmouth and Medway. Reginald McKenna, first lord of the admiralty, in an explanatory statement, announces the formation of a new naval mobilization department and a permanent navy war council, consisting of the first sea lord as president, the directors of the naval intelligence and naval mobilization departments and other officials, to deal with all matters relating to preparation for war.



HON. MR. RUTHERFORD

WASHINGTON IS HOPEFUL CANADA WILL RECEDE

But It is Asserted That U. S. Government Will Demand Preferences Canada Accords Others.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—Little progress is being made in the tariff negotiations between the United States and France and at the present moment the indications of a speedy settlement of the questions involved are not encouraging. The statement is made that, notwithstanding the reports indicating an unyielding attitude on the part of the Canadian authorities, and an unwillingness to look upon the United States minimum rates as an equivalent of the lowest rates of Canada, the government expects that when the situation is fully understood, Canada will be willing to make fair and reasonable concessions. A change is hoped for, especially in the present situation of an undue discrimination in favor of France under a recent agreement between those two countries and in favor of other nations under certain British treaties. It is asserted here that the American Government will not be satisfied if the important preferences, which the United States does not enjoy, are accorded other nations.

TIME TO WAKE UP.

LONDON, March 9.—(C.A.P.)—The Standard discusses tariff negotiations at Ottawa and emphasizes the threat to British interests involved in the reported mutually satisfactory understanding. "Clearly," it says, "there is no time to be lost. It is contending the urgency of British statesmen, influenced by the purblind adherence to outworn fiscal principles."

FORCE UNION RECOGNITION

HALIFAX, March 9.—(Special.)—In the house of assembly to-night, Dr. Kendall (Liberal, Cape Breton) moved upon Mr. Cushing, the minister of public works, who opposed the agreement with the Nova Scotia coal mines and the conditions of labor. He contended that President Plummer, at the expiration of the Dominion Coal Company's agreement with the P. W. A., less than two years hence, is likely to recognize the organized labor, and that being the case, the labor and industrial concerns will follow his lead, and unionism will be imperiled. He wanted Plummer to be forced to recognize the U. M. W. The address was loudly applauded.

ROSEBERY'S SCHEME TO REFORM HOUSE OF LORDS

Necessary Preliminary is Acceptance of Principle That Peers Are Not Necessarily Entitled to Sit in the House.

LONDON, Eng., March 9.—When Lord Rosebery on Monday launches his plan for the reformation of the house of lords, he will present a set of three resolutions, embodying in general terms the course which the peers propose to follow in modernizing themselves. As Lord Rosebery has been in consultation with a majority of the members of the upper house, there is little question that the resolutions present the general views of the lords on the subject of re-organization. The first resolution will affirm the necessity for a strong and efficient second chamber for the well-being of the state. The second bill sets forth that such a chamber will be best obtainable by the reform and reconstitution of the house of lords. The third will declare that a necessary preliminary to such reform and reconstitution is the acceptance of the principle that the possession of a peerage in itself should no longer afford the right to sit and vote in the house of lords.



BORDEN NAVAL AMENDMENT DEFEATED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS THIS MORNING BUT FINAL GOVT. VOTE DEFERRED

Cheering for Party Leaders and the Singing of the Canadian National Anthem Mark First Stage of Closing of Notable Debate.

W. B. NORTHRUP SECURES A STAY TO MOVE SIX MONTHS' HOIST

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BOURASSA IS DESERTED BY ABLE LIEUTENANTS

ASSIN and Fournier Quit the Staff of the Nationalist Daily Paper, "Devoir."

COST OF POLICEMEN'S DAY OFF Controller Spence's Estimate Little Over Half That of the Mayor.

For thirty-five years he had been an adherent of the Liberal party, and he hoped to be so till his latest breath. One of the reasons why he was an adherent of the Liberal party was because of the liberty of conscience navy. He had never even used it. He was not pleased for one, he said, who had been a party to in a position where he could not see eye to eye with his party, but times came when his convictions could not be suppressed, and should not be submerged. He had the greatest confidence in the leaders of his party, and he himself might be absolutely wrong, but he was bound to be true to his convictions. They were honest and sincere. As to Mr. Borden's amendment, it

ACTIVE MARKET IN OUTSIDE LANDS

One of the Features of Real Estate Situation in Toronto —The Purchase of Two Blocks North of Carlton About Made.

The upward movement in central real estate and the certainty of an active market in outlying building lots and sites, are the features of the market to-day. The purchase of the two big blocks north of Carlton-street and east of Yonge is nearly completed. That deal may be considered closed, and a few days ought to disclose the purchasers. It is the largest single real estate transaction ever put thru in Toronto, tho it is said Mr. Williams pulled off a bigger one in the States. The fine weather and promise of an early spring has started the better sections of suburban property moving, and the real estate offices are getting their plans and literature ready for a campaign of big selling. The English Land Co. are enlarging their offices at the corner of Adelaide and Victoria-streets. Mr. English is organizing a little fleet of motors (including a limousine), to take enquirers out to see properties. The Melrose property to be put on by Robins, Limited, will be one of the near sensations. It is the last big block on Yonge-street this side of York Mills. Lawrence Park, on the east side of Yonge-street, presents a very attractive look to villa-site seekers; new roads, slopes, terraces, bridges, etc. Mr. Dinick's company will reap the benefit of his policy of shaping up the park before throwing it open to investors. All last year and the winter have been spent in getting the site in a desirable location for a big departmental store. It is also rumored that the purchase is for the establishment of a sub-station of the C.P.R. and C. N. R. jointly. A subway is to be built across the city from the Don on the east, from West Toronto on the west. It will connect up with both railways, and passengers entering or leaving the city over either line will be brought thru the tube by powerful motors. At various points east and west of Yonge-street, "lifts" will be installed, where passengers may alight on a continuous local service will also be provided.

McCurdy Performs Creditably in Baddeck.

SYDNEY, N.S., March 9.—(Special.)—To-day's achievements at Baddeck, in connection with a series of aerial flights will long be remembered by those present. The town was on a public holiday having been declared, and the schools were closed. Major Mansell, as representing the militia department, was present and accompanied Aviator McCurdy in a flight of over two miles. Aerodrome Baddeck No. 2 was on the ice at 7:30 a.m. The circle was made round the bay at an elevation of about twenty feet. Owing to the big storm which passed over the island a few days ago, the great portion of the ice was broken up, so that the radius of action for flying was materially lessened. Four or five shorter flights were then made in which the starting and landing were demonstrated in one of these flights.

A RETROSPECT.

March 10, 1842.—Kandahar occupied by British.
March 10, 1843.—Marriage of King Edward and Queen Alexandra.
March 10, 1848.—Mr. Lafontaine accepted office as premier and attorney-general.
March 10, 1856.—The Canadian Government was defeated on the "Corrikan murder" investigation.

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Who resigned yesterday as Attorney-General.

with the Alberta and Great Waterways Bill deal. It first brought about Mr. Cushing's resignation of public works, who opposed the agreement against the best interests of the province. After almost a fortnight's debate on a resolution aimed at condemning the measure, the government was sustained a week ago by 23 to 16.

Why Cross Got Out.
The reason for the resignation of the attorney-general, which was made public to-day, is undoubtedly because the premier had been negotiating in the past few days with the minister of public works. Indeed, at a conference held yesterday at noon, the minister accepted the premier's invitation to come back to the cabinet.

When the premier informed the attorney-general that Cushing had been invited back to the cabinet and had accepted, he promptly resigned.

But pressure was brought to bear upon Mr. Cushing by his 14 followers, and he was induced to reconsider, with the result that he, too, now firmly refused to go back to the cabinet. He is even said to have stated that he will not consider any action to go back until all the members of the cabinet, save the premier, have resigned, that is, Marshall, Buchanan and Lessard.

According to his friends, Cross will not reconsider his resignation under any conditions. He is out to stay and will lead forces which last week lined up in support of the government, and which have now turned against the premier in view of his action in inviting back Cushing, thus bringing about the resignation of the attorney-general.

The premier, left without an attorney-general, and his own former supporters almost to man now pledged against him, has no option but to resign.

In the Legislature.
"I have nothing to say," said Premier Rutherford in the legislature to-day, just before adjournment, when Mr. Plummer asked that the premier take the members into his confidence and explain the startling political developments that have transpired since yesterday.

The vacant government benches spoke for themselves. Attorney-General Cross has not occupied his seat for two days, and Hon. Duncan Marshall and Hon. W. A. Buchanan were absent to-day.

Still the premier refuses to inform the house of the press as to the present

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