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IMPERIAL FREFERENCE AND TARIFF REFORM.

right to speak for the trade and business interests of the stand on the question of Imperial trade preference. Out of 79 chambers represented at Sydney, no less than 60 world for a resolution much stronger than the one passed three years ago, inasmuch as this Courses took the

olis of the Empire financially and commercially, as well as the political centre. It was proposed by a London delegate, seconded by Mr. Cockshutt, a Canadian whose address is described in a despatch to the London Times as one of the best heard at the meeting. While the Manchester board and that of Sydney opposed the resolution in the interest of free trade, it was supported by such important industrial communities as Leith, Sheffield, Bradford, as well as by such over-sea centres as Melbourne, St. John, Guelph, Montreal, Brantford, Toronto it is strongly suspected that this statement will be true Bradford, as well as by such over-sea centres as Melbourne, St. John, Guelph, Montreal, Brantford, Toronto and Winnipes. Some of the British chambers, Leith to solng as the present firm of contractors is permitted to control the trade. A good deal of traffic from New Brunswick, which would geographically belong to St. declared for it, and Str Albert Spicer, president of the board, a confirmed free trader, was obliged to vote as a delegate in favor of the resolution, while he spoke a delegate in favor of the resolution, while he spoke against it. In this respect he differed from the Montreal delegate, who, having been instructed by a small business would not be considered Halifax trade.

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At Chub's Corner.

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and tariff reform, the Empire will be won, for the British States abroad are ready, including Australia. As the Standard of Empire points out the contest has been made largely a party struggle by the fact that free trade has been made a party cry. While regretting this, our namesake declares that those responsible for confusing a grave national problem with political intrigue must take the consequences, one of which is that those who misrepresent the principles and effect of fiscal reform become in practice, Imperial separatists.

"eral's reports as having received favors from the Dominion Government were to a large extent identical.

"Of course this statement taken literally, was exaggerated
and also unkind, but, nevertheless, there was in it a
"modicum of truth. The banquet, however, was a success even if Hon. William Pugsley did not say some of
the things he was expected to. His speech was a
"broad-minded one—but harmless. He enlarged upon
"the progress of the Canadian West, and dilated—in
"the style he handles so well—upon the great impetus
"St. John and other Maritime Province ports would receive, when certain ports on Georgian Bay were devel'oped, certain railways completed and certain other
"things done. He was MORE THAN USUALLY PROD"IGAL IN HIS PREDICTIONS, and in a few well-rounded
"sentences trarsported his hearers into a Canada of
"20,000,000 people, and a Canadian West producing 700,000,000 bushels of wheat alone. All of which was
"very nice and very interesting, just the sort of speech,
which fitted in well with a nine course dinner, BUT IT
"WAS NOT SATISFYING."

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"To the Liberal friend whose mind is in the prese rather than in the future, and who was practical enough to feel that he would like to know HOW FAR HON. WILLIAM PUGSLEY'S PREDICTIONS IN REGARD TO COURTENAY BAY HAD PROGRESSED TOWARD FUL-"FILMENT, OR WHAT THE AFFABLE MINISTER IN-"TENDED TO DO WITH THE PROPOSED VALLEY "RAILWAY, AND IF, AS LIBERAL LEADER FROM
"NEW BRUNSWICK, HE WOULD USE HIS INFLU-ENCE TO HAVE SOME OF HIS PREVIOUS PREDIC TIONS AND PROMISES ALONG THIS LINE REAL-TIZED, THIS SPEECH WAS ABOUT AS FILLING AS A MACAROON WOULD BE TO A STARVING MAN. He might have said more if he had had an opportunity, out through delay in starting the dinner, Dr. Pugsle while Hon. Mr. King is a cultured, scholarly speake

whose address was much enjoyed.
"Hon. William Pugsley is in control of what is "probably the most important spending department in "the Dominion Cabinet. He is said to be very highly woted for a resolution much stronger than the one passed three years ago, inasmuch as this Congress took the question out of abstractions and declared it was a matter of "infineditte" practical importance." Eleven delegations were not instructed by their chambers and did not yote, and only sout of the 79 voted in the negative.

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"Sydney." The Standard of Empire has no hesitation in declaring that the fiscal change involved is needed for the British Islands in their own local interest. What it calls a "fundamental reform," meaning the substitution of "a tariff that will protect British labor" in place of an "obsolete fiscal system" would, in its view, "cure the "evil of unemployment which is eating the heart out of "the nation."

It is obvious that the conflict must be fought out in Great British and eclares for preference and tariff reform, the Empire will be won, for the British Estates abroad are ready, including Australia. As the

THE PUGSLEY DINNER; A NON-PARTISAN APPRECIATION.

The Standard has expressed certain candid opinions concerning the political demonstration to the Minister of Public Works. One of these statements is criticised in a discriminating way by the New Freeman, whose editor, we fear, has not made the comparison we recommended of the Auditor General's report with the list of guests at the banquet. But that The Standard readers may have an appreciation of this demonstration from a non-partissan and friendly standpoint, we reprint the whole of the New Freeman's comment, criticism of the Standard and all. The suggestion that Mr. Pugsley and time to give the public some information if the dinner had not started so late has a delicate rayer of irony, in view of the fact that Mr. Murphy found time to speak more than an hour, and Mr. King last an hour, while the minor orators continued the tayer of irony, in view of the fact that Mr. Murphy found time to speak more than an hour, and Mr. King last about two hours after Mr. Pugsley had concluded in unsatisfying address.

Here is what the New Freeman says:—

"The principal political event of this week was of the same of men to attend any function organized to the same of men to attend any function organized to the same of men to attend any function organized to the same of men to attend any function organized to the same of men to attend any function organized to the same of men to attend any function organized to the same of men to attend any function organized to the same of men to attend any function organized to the same was advanced for these purchases left the treasury safe, where the security was adequate. The Government could then borrow money at a lower rate than that the same of men to attend any function organized to the same of men to attend any function organized to the same of men to attend any function organized to the same of men to attend any function organized to the same of the same of the same of men to attend any function organized to the same of the same of have their money.

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PITHY PARAGRAPHS OF LOCAL INTEREST.

Mr. W. T. C. Pratt.

The death of Mr. William T. Combo Pratt, an old and respected residen of Welsford, Kings county, occurred last week. Mr. Pratt was born a Penryn, Cornwall, Eng., on March 26 1819. His parents came to Montreal and he there spent his youth the twenty-one. The he came overland to St. John to become chief engineer of the S. S. North America, running to St. John to become chief engineer of the S. S. North America, running to Boston, in which vessel he was wrecked in 1845 on the coast of Maine. He went to California in 1855 and during the civil war was chie engineer of the S. S. Admiral de Pont, which was run into by the barque Stadacona, off Delawar bound for St. John with emigrantial that the strength of the Metropolitan Company owned by General Whitney, father of H. M. and W. C. Whitney. In company with the late Capt. W. Simpson he took the S. S. Rothesay, the gree phound of the St. John river, to Mottreal, After she was bought by the Richelieu Co. he ran on her froof Toronto to Niagara. His last employment was with the Quebec Steamsh Company as chief engineer of the S. Miramichi, plying between Motreal and Pictou. For the last twelvy years he has been living in retirement, His wife, who survives, w. Julia, fifth daughter of the late Ale Cairns. Five children survive: V. J. of Albany; Thomas M., of Renselair: Frank T., of Utica; Mrs. Mas Mould of Troy and Mrs. A. B. Rase of Utica. Mr. Pratt was considered the oldest engineer in the Dominio Captain O. D. Barbarie. Mr. Arthur W. Wilson is Wanted. If Mr. Arthur William Wilson, who left Nottligham, England in April, 1906, will communicate with the chief of police, of St. John, he will hear of something to his advantage.

In The Police Court.

In the police court on Saturday, Ar-thur Jefferson who was arrested on a warrant for assaulting William Mor-ris, was remanded. John Conhors and Daniel O'Connell, charged with being drunk and begging in Main Street, were remanded for sentence.

WEDDINGS.

Hope-Chase

In St. Mark's church, Halifax, on Thursday last, the marriage of Miss Evaline Chase, daughter of the late Mr. Nelson Chase, of St. John, and Mr. Henry Hope, son of Mr. William Hope, Halifax, took place. Rev. Mr. Lemoine performed 4the ceremony. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Edward Reanie, wore a suit of cream cloth with white satin hat trimmed with ostrich plumes. She was attended by her sister, Miss Beatrice Chase. Miss Beatrice Reanie, the flower girl, was dressed in white satin and carried a basket of flowers. The groom was supported by Mr. F. Blackney, of Halifax.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Hope drove to their future home in Charles street where a repast was partaken of before leaving on their honeymoon trip through the Annapolis Valley.

On Tuesday last at the Catholic Church, Chelmsford, Northumberland County, the wedding took place of Mr. John A. Esson, of Barnaby River, and Miss Mary T. Casey, daughter of Mrs. Jane Casey, of Chelmsford. The Rev. E. S. Murdoch performed the ceremony. Mr. Peter H. Esson, brother of the groom, was the best man, and Miss Katie Harrigan, a cousin to the bride, was the bridesmaid. The bride wore white silk mull, with Cluny lace insertion, and carried a bridal bouquet of asters. The bridesmaid was dressed in white mull and silk with hat to match. The groom is in the employ of the C. P. R., and is the billing clerk at McAdam Junction. He is a former student of the St. John Business College, and has many friends here. The bride is very popular in her native place, where and the strength of the strength of the strength of the strength of the city Thursday evening and left last evening on the C. P. R. for Winnipeg, St. Paul and Minnapolis. On their return they will live at McAdam.



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