

CONFERENCE WILL TREAT PREFERENCE QUESTION TUESDAY

Government Not Expected To Disclose Details of the Latest Scheme.

BECOMES SIDE ISSUE.

By **GEORGE HAMBLETON.**
Canadian Press Cable.
London, Nov. 5.—The question of
British preference is scheduled for
discussion before the economic con-
ference tomorrow. It will arise in
two forms, namely, tariff preference
to empire products and preference in
public contracts. Then it is antici-
pated the British government will
formulate any new proposals it may
have for consideration by the rep-
resentatives of the Dominion.

With a general plenary proceeding

however, it is not thought likely that the Baldwin government will be in a position to go into any extensive details of the new schemes for imperial preference. That, it is thought, would be showing its hand too much. The new schemes for tariff reduction have been opened already, and the fact that the British Parliament will be asked to pass them is a foregone conclusion.

The whole conference proceedings, in fact, it is quite evident, have been planned to take place in the British ministers. The scene is shifting from the conference room to the *hunting*. The British ministers are to be the real protagonists in the election battle and the parliamentary session which promises to break new ground at the imperial conference.

consider it likely that my strikingly important departure will be made in such a question as the participation of the dominions in the formulation of the foreign policy. When the premiers meet in private conference later in the day the foreign policy, along with the remaining business on the agenda will be discussed and dominion participation in such policy will be probably broached. The unseen developments, it is expected that the progress will be confined mainly to a general discussion of the problem.

MANY SCOTCH TOWNS VOTE ON PROHIBITION

Wets Make Desperate Efforts To Regain Lost "Foothold"

Freedom.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Nov. 5.—Thirty or forty Scottish towns go to the polls this week to decide the prohibition issue for their localities. The campaign of the "Fors" and the "Againsts" has been in progress in these places with fiery intensity for several weeks past. The Drys hope to secure better support than in 1920, when only two towns—Kirkintilloch and Kilsyth—

abolished Liquor licenses within their jurisdiction. The wets in these places, forced to take long journeys during the last three years to quench their thirst, have been making desperate efforts to bring their fellow townsmen back to their traditional freedom in the matter of beverages. The polling will be spread over a period of several days, and the final results are not expected for some weeks.

NAMES HON. R. G. REID, ALBERTA TREASURER

Premier Greenfield Relinquishes Two Minor Portfolios to Cabinet Members.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Edmonton, Alta., Nov. 5.—In order to relieve the pressure of work upon Premier Greenfield, who has been carrying the portfolios of treasurer and secretary in addition to the premiership, several changes in the Alberta cabinet occurred Saturday.

Hon. R. G. Reid, minister of municipal affairs, becomes provincial treasurer. Mr. Greenfield has taken over the portfolio of municipal affairs.

Hon. J. E. Brownlee adds the

**HON. G. P. GRAHAM WILL
LEAVE BRITAIN FRIDAY**

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Nov. 5.—Hon. George P. Graham, Canadian minister of railroads and canals, who will be the

first minister of the Canadian government in attendance at the imperial conference to return home, will sail from Liverpool on the SS. Regina on Friday.

Dr. Charles Camsell, deputy minister of mines, will sail on the same boat.

**ALBERTA VOTING TODAY
ON WET REFERENDUM**

Calgary, Nov. 5.—In three thousand polling stations the men and women of Alberta today are formulating the liquor legislation which shall rule in this province. The weather is fine and mild, and the roads are good. The referendum has been thoroughly canvassed for months, with a good deal of public interest, and a very representative vote is expected. Polls close in the cities at 6 p.m., and in the rural polls at 5 p.m.

FRENCH CLEAR STREETS AFTER GERMAN RIOTING

Berlin, Nov. 5.—The Separatists have begun a movement to control the Bavarian palatinate. A large band entered Kaiser-Slautern last night and attacked the town hall. They were repulsed, but then occupied one of the government buildings and a newspaper office. At an early hour this morning, French poilus were clearing the streets.