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RETIREMENT OF DEPUTY MINISTER BUTLER.

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THE CONSERVATIVES AND NAVAL DEFENCE.

If Mr. Monk was able last session to hold up for several weeks Mr. Foster's naval defence resolution, he was treated with great consideration. Mr. Foster's resolution as originally presented, was believed to be acceptable to the whole party. It does not appear that Mr. Monk was opposed to the sense of the declaration, but he thought it isopportune. He was not present when the resolution was moved by Mr. Foster, mutilated by Sir Wiffrid Laurier, and in that shape adopted unanimously. He gives excellent reasons for not condemning the motion at the time, and he is certainly right in saying that he is not bound by the resolution as it passed.

passed.

Now there is no doubt that the resolution of last year, the speech of Mr. Borden on Wednesday, and the course which the Conservative party will take on the naval defence measure, must weaken any Conservative appeal that may be made in Quebec against the Government on the score of the naval policy. If any party leader takes the ground in any province that Sir Wilfrid should have refused to act in the line of naval defence, the course of the Conservatives at Ottawa will be quoted against him. The game which Sir Wilfrid and his colleagues played in the Riel affair, and again in 1896, when the Conservative Government bought rifes and als colleagues played in the Rici affair, and again in 1886, when the Conservative Government bought rifles and field guns, is no part of the Conservative programme. Mr. Monk may individually attack the policy as he does in the House. But if he does so, he will explain as he candidly did at Lachine, that he is speaking for himself. A public man may do this, as they do in England every day, and remain a prominent and loyal member of his party. his party.

RACE DISTINCTIONS.

It is reasonable to expect from a Canadian of Brit RETIREMENT OF DEPUTY MINISTER BUTLER.

The Dominion Coal and Steel Companies have probably obtained a good manager in Mr. Butler, who is giving up the position of Deputy Minister of Railways.

Mr. Butler himself is trebling his income in making the change, and will probably have more peace of mind than he could expect in the public service in a position of grave responsibility. It is difficult for an outside for in management and how far he is carrying out the orders of politicians. The Deputy Minister is without doubt a capable construction engineer. He had less experience in operating railways than some of his subordinates when he took office, though he was well known as a capable builder. The Intercolonial has been only a part of the public works under his charge, and the extent of his personal intervention in the details of its operation is not known to the public. But Mr. Butler shand in more stored operations in not known to the public. But Mr. Butler shand and of management he is not by be congratulated on the success of that method or organization.

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LORD ROSEBERY NON-COMBATANT.

what advice he would give to the electors on this issue. He is a free trader and an advocate of the closer commercial union of the Empire. He has spoken strongly on the German peril, and would probably not be reassured by the comfortable sayings of Mr. Asquith. The campaign cries of Mr. Churchill and Mr. Lloyd-George must be offensive to a man of his temperament. One would think that it need not have taken Mr. George must be offensive to a man of his temperament. Fielding several years to find Mr. Roche and Mr. Farrell and make them senators. The seats they will fill have been long vacant, and many have been willing to accept them. Mr. Roche, who is one of the richest men in Nova Scotia, is supposed to the seat of the seat

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OBITUARY

Mrs. J. H. B. Burgoyne.

St. John and other friends of Mr. John H. B. Burgoyne, local manager of the Petrie Manufacturing Company, will sympathize with him in the death of his wife, which occurred yesterday morning under sad circumstances. In August last Mr. Burgoyne came here from Hamilton, Ont., to take the management of the Petrie business and only about a month ago his wife and two daughters came to St. John and took up their residence at 141 Wright street. On Saturday a son was born, but unfortunately, Mrs. Burgoyne did not long survive, passing away yesterday morning. She was a very extimable lady, 35 years of age, a native of England, and has no relatives in this country. The funeral will take place this afternoon, the service beginning at 2.30 o'clock.

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The death of Mr. James Harris Wilson occurred at his mother's residence, 175 Paradise Row yesterday morning. The deceased was twenty-five years old, and the son of the late Mr. J. Archibald Wilson. He was until lately an employe in the I. C. R. freight office. Two or three months ago he was obliged to retire from work, owing to ill health. Besides his mother, he leaves three brothers, John, of New York, and Archibald and Roy of this city. The deceased was a popular young man thoroughly respected by all who knew him, and his death is generally regretted. The funeral will be held on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Hedley V. McLaughlin

The death occurred yesterday morning of Mr. Hedley Vicars McLaughlin, after an illness extending over several months. Mr. McLaughlin was a graduate of the University of New Brunswick and was highly esteemed for his many good qualities.

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FUNERALS

Dr. James Hannay.

The funeral service at the rooms of the late Dr. James Hannay, in the Pugsley building, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, was conducted by Rev. Gordon Dickie and Rev. David Lang. Among the floral pieces was a large wreath from Chief Kerr of the fire department, and a wreath from Mr. Samuel Girvan. There were also many other floral offerings, including boquets and cut flowers. The body was taken to Fredericton last evening. Mr. A. B. Hannay, Ottawa, arrived in the city yesterday to attend the funeral.

Mrs. John S. Carroll.

The funeral of Mr. John S. Carroll
was held at S o'clock yesterday morning from the residence of Mrs. D
Dwyer, Milford, to St. Rose's church,
where Rev. C. Collins celebrated Requiem High Mass. Interment was
made in Sand Cove cemetery.

THE COURTS

COUNTY COURT CHAMBERS.

Mechanics Lien Case.

Argument for the defence was presented yesterday before Judge Forles in County Court Chambers in the mechanics lien case of Hamilton vs. Seymour and Whiteneck. Mr. A. A. Wilson, K.C., and Mr. S. B. Bustin for the plaintiff, and Mr. G. H. V. Belyea for defendant Seymour. Argument for the plaintiff, and Mr. G. H. V. Belyea for defendant Seymour. Argument for the plaintiff will be heard this morning.

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