

COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

Lady Aberdeen's Address at the Opening—An Interesting Programme of Business Transacted.

The Women of Canada Heartily Endorse the Spirit of the National Council.

OTTAWA, April 13.—The first annual conference of the National Council of the women of Canada convened in Convocation hall here yesterday, Lady Aberdeen presiding. About 70 delegates were present from all the principal cities of the Dominion. Lady Aberdeen in her opening address said she felt highly honored to be called upon to occupy the chair of the first president of the first convention of the National Council of women of Canada. The gathering, she said, was representative of every church and section of the community. "One of the great glories of Canada," she continued, "was that there were few women in the country, while the fathers and sons were battling with the world, the women were involved in the duty of building up homes where the love of the higher and beautiful prevailed. It was hoped that the council would form a grand band of union as home-makers and home-builders. It was for the application of the scriptural golden rule that the convention was called and this would be the constant aim of the council."

Lady Ritchie, president of the Ottawa local council, extended words of welcome to the visiting delegates. At night Lady Aberdeen tendered a reception at the Government House to delegates and members of the local council and national societies.

The following programme for the proceedings of the conference, consisting of papers and discussions demonstrates the wide scope of its deliberations and the hearty manner in which the women of Canada have entered into the spirit of the movement: "On co-operation in work and its advantages;" "Women's Clubs and their benefits;" and "The relation of parents and children and its responsibilities;" besides "Co-operation on a general basis," Mrs. Ashley Curran, Montreal; "Co-operation as shown in associated charities," Mrs. Drummond, president of Montreal Local Council; "Co-operation of working women for protective purposes," Mrs. Helliwell, Toronto; "Literary clubs and their influence on Canadian literature," Miss Shenick, Ottawa; "Social clubs and their influence on Canadian life," Mrs. Dandurand, Montreal; "Musical Clubs and associations and their influence on Canadian art," Mrs. George Peppas, Hamilton; "Art clubs associations and their influence on Canadian art," Mrs. Dignam, W. A. A., Toronto; "Training of young children," Miss Laidlaw, Montreal; "How to retain home influences over growing boys and girls," Miss Oates, Toronto; "Difficult children and how to understand them," Mrs. Frechette, Ottawa.

The following topics for discussion were suggested by the local organizations of the several cities:—Ottawa, "Promotion of patriotic sentiment;" Toronto, "Appointment of women inspectors for factories and workshops in Ontario;" Mrs. McDonnell, "International arbitration;" and "Appointment of police matrons;" Mrs. Hoodless, "Manual training for girls;" "Preventive work," Mrs. Wood, G. F. S.; "Reason work," by a lady from Quebec; "Temperance work," Mrs. Day Smith, Hamilton; "Hospital nursing," Miss Harris, Hamilton; "Nursing of the poor in their own homes," Mrs. Tilly, London; "Emergency first aid to injured," Mrs. Hodgins, Toronto; "From the mistletoe point of view," Mrs. Boomer, London; "Remedies," Mrs. Stowe, Dominion Enfranchisement Association; "The Problem Solved," Sectional conferences were to be held by the temperance workers of Hamilton, the Dominion Women's Enfranchisement Association, the Dominion Girls' Friendly Society, Montreal Women's Protective Immigration Society, Montreal Ladies' Morning Musical Society, and the Montreal Hebrew Sewing Society.

COAL FOR BEHRING SEA.

Sound Coal Men Have But Little Expectation of Supplying the U. S. Patrol Fleet.

(From the Seattle Telegraph.)

It begins to look as if the local coal would stand a poor show of being selected as fuel for the Behring Sea patrol fleet this summer. There is now but one chance left, and that is the Black Diamond No. 14. The United States steamer Yorktown will decide the fate of that coal in a sixty-mile test run and return, to-day. Sixty tons of Black Diamond No. 14 were ordered by the commander of the vessel yesterday for that purpose.

The examining board of the warship, consisting of Chairman Best, Assistant Engineer Morris, and Past Assistant Pickrell, have on a minor scale made tests of three kinds of coal, the Oregon Improvement company's Franklin, the Black Diamond No. 4 and Black Diamond coal. Black Diamond No. 4 and Black Diamond No. 12. These tests were made aboard ship in a small furnace stove, regulations having been made on the coal company for small amounts of coal for the purpose. Two sacks of each kind of coal were sent aboard, and it is understood that the examining board proposed taking the best of it in three coals as shown by the small test of it in the furnaces of the Yorktown. The Oregon Improvement company coal is said to have failed in the small test because it burned the iron. This coal, however, is used regularly and continuously in the big steamships, and it is stated that the coal company has a report of this same coal from the surveyors of the navy as made by the United States steamer Ranger, altogether a good showing. Some of the local coal people here say they do not understand why it should be necessary to make any test at all of this coal at this time if it has been fairly tried and full analysis is before the navy department. They also look upon the proposition in the light that what is considered a good coal for commercial purposes and regularly in use in all classes of steam vessels ought to be good enough for Uncle Sam's navy. The Ranger's test consumed about 300 tons last year.

The managers of the Oregon Improvement company refuse to say whether they are disappointed or whether they had any expectations that the government would give their coal a fair test. It was very apparent, however, yesterday that they believe the navy department is not acting in good faith. The Oregon Improvement company has fully expected to get the recent order for 11,000 tons of coal for government vessels that went to the Comox, B. C. company. While the officials of the company will have nothing to say about the matter for public reasons, yet it is known that they even went so far as to bunk a very choice lot of coal fully up to the sample given, to be ready to put aboard the vessel as soon as required. With the remembrance of that still in the minds of the

managers they were by no means in a friendly humor with Uncle Sam yesterday. The bringing of that contract to Seattle would have resulted in the disbursement of nearly \$200,000, by some who are familiar with the circumstances.

NEWFOUNDLAND AGITATED.

St. John's, Nfld., April 12.—The ministry resigned yesterday. In the assembly, Colonial Secretary Bond made a statement on behalf of the Government. He said that in view of the positions laid down by Mr. Justice Winter in the Bay de Verde decision, which had just been read to the House by the Speaker, declaring that the expenditure passed by the House and assented to by the Queen, and applied under the authority of the Governor in Council were illegal, and unsatisfactory members for participating in these alleged illegal expenditure, the Government felt bound to advise the Governor to allow an appeal to the electorate to decide this very important crisis. The Governor, he said, had declined to consent to the proposal to dissolve the House and have a new election held, so that the ministers resign their offices. The Colonial Secretary concluded by moving the consideration by the House of a set of resolutions declaring that the principles as laid down in Justice Winter's decision were a menace to the spirit of the constitution and were fraught with the greatest dangers to the liberties of the people, and further declaring that the Opposition party were an small numerically and not possessing the confidence of the people, that the collection of taxes should not be placed in the hands of these resolutions also revoked the tariff measure which was already before the House for consideration. The purpose of this action is to prevent the Opposition if they take up the reins of government not only from making any progress in financial legislation, but to force them to introduce the whole business of the session over again. The members of the Government party think this will possibly prevent the Opposition from carrying through any money bills before the revenue year expires. They hope thus to force the Governor, owing to the unpleasant prospect before him, to dissolve Parliament after a new ministry has been selected.

Britain's Services Recognized. PANAMA, April 13.—The Bluefields, Nicaragua, Messenger prints a memorial from the American citizens thanking the captain and forces of the British warship Cleopatra for their valuable assistance in restoring order on the Mosquito reservation, and expressing the hope that the flags of America and England will yet be the guarantee of abiding peace and protection throughout the world.

LONDON, April 12.—William Wilde, the divorced husband of Mrs. Frank Leslie, of New York, married a few days ago Miss Sophia Lee, a young lady of Irish parentage, said to be very wealthy.

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lost the use of her limbs and lower part of body, and if she sat up in bed had to be propped up with pillows. She would go ten days without a movement of the bowels. All medicine seemed to do her no good. She would have spells when her heart would palpitate, and then, with the outside door open in mid-winter, would faint away. Physicians, after holding a consultation,

said she was past all help and wanted me to send her to the 'Home for incurables.' But I said as long as I could hold my hand up she should not go, and about this time a kind neighbor came in and asked me to get a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla and try it. We did so and she has taken the medicine regularly. She is getting strong, walks around, is out doors every day; has no trouble with her throat and no cough, and her heart seems to be all right again. She has a first class appetite.

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The Australian papers just to hand, the latest Sydney date being March 17, contain the following:

"In addressing a large meeting of Maories the Premier of New Zealand said that his government would not allow millions of acres to lie idle while thousands of people wanted land; for the purposes of settlement the government has recently purchased 41,000 acres from the natives.

"During the first fortnight of March, no fewer than 800 men out of employment were sent by the mines department of New South Wales to the auriferous fields of the colony on a prospecting mission. The department supplied the men with railway passes, and miners' rights free of charge, and in the case of destitute men with large families arranged to give them 10s. each per week for four weeks, in order that they may be able to maintain themselves in the initiatory stages of their work.

"The first batch of men employed under Sir John Downer's prospecting scheme for relieving the labor market was sent from Adelaide the first week in March, their destination being Mount Torrens.

"The road to Coolgardie from Burracoppin is almost closed for teams. The soaking is going out, and stages for as far as 50 miles have to be done without water. At the Kurralpi rush in Western Australia the price of water has risen from 3s. to 5s. per gallon. The rush to the Wyalong goldfields also continues and fourteen reefs there are reported to be on payable stone.

"In view of the recent action of the Newcastle miners in refusing work, and the necessity for police protection in the maintenance of order, the Premier of New South Wales is of the opinion that further relief to the miners should be given. A new discovery of coal, said to be of excellent quality and easily worked, has been made in the Koorambers district, Victoria. The labor dispute at Port Adelaide has been

settled by the unionists agreeing to work along with the non-unionists.

"Discreditable proceedings were witnessed at a meeting of the Women's Franchise Association held in Brisbane early in March. All the men were put out, and the ladies then addressed each other as 'you cat,' 'old maid,' etc.

"With the view of facilitating the trade of the port of Melbourne, the Victorian commissioner of customs has in contemplation a concession by which drawback shall be allowed on all goods not specified in the tariff, except second-hand articles liable to a fixed rate of duty, and wines, spirits, beer, tobacco and cigars.

"For the past half-year the Bank of Australasia pays a dividend at the rate of 7½ per cent. per annum, and carries forward £11,300.

"The scheme for the electric lighting of Melbourne was inaugurated on the 8th March, when the city was illuminated with electricity for the first time."

AUSTRIAN ELECTORAL REFORM.

VIENNA, April 12.—Prince Windischgrätz, the premier, spoke to-day in the lower house of the Reichstag in defense of the Electoral Reform bill. It was very difficult, he said, to extend the franchise to several classes hitherto excluded from it and at the same time preserve to the state the needed influence of the conservative political elements. He hoped and believed that this difficulty had been overcome by the new ministerial plan. The Government would adhere to the matter of electoral reform to the method language used by him in his recent denunciation of the Polish party. The Polish members who had demanded satisfaction from him, accepted Mr. Gregor's apologies and withdrew their challenges.

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LONDON, April 12.—A large number of prominent politicians and financiers have promised to take part in the International Metallurgical conference to be held on May 2.

DUBLIN, April 12.—The Irish Catholics say negotiations in regard to the Irish claims deposited in Paris have ended, and Justin McCarthy has directed a renewal of litigation.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

Commandant Booth Prepares Visit of the General in December.

Distribution of Fish Fry Vancouver Scandal—Association to Be Revived.

(Special to the Colonist)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, April 18.—Alfred resigned his position as finance to-night and positively reconsidered it. It is alleged that were tampered with in the salaried.

The track at Brockton Park widened. The bicycle club are widening the track and banking, and will be reimbursed later on receipts.

Commandant H. H. Booth as porters that his visit to the Coast was for the visit to the Coast. Booth in December to install appointed divisional officers and with the different corps along travel as to new barracks and buildings.

The new National party held a market hall last night. All candidates were conspicuous by absence.

The King's Daughters held a very full entertainment last evening for the fit of the poor of the city.

In the association football match a team from the steamer Arawa home team, the later were victorious. Arawa team had some splendid combination, but showed lack of pace very much.

It is proposed to make an effort the art association of Vancouver large it by the addition of a historical department. Arrangements being made to purchase a collection from Mr. Deane of Victoria.

Mr. C. T. Williams, member of and Cooperage Co., died to-night of typhoid fever. The Williams was widely known in line.

J. Donald, while prospecting found a large chunk of some stone weighing about twelve pounds carried it about with him for as a curiosity, then cutting off piece with his knife threw the stone overboard. When Mr. Donald turned to town he had the small substance he had saved analyzed. It to be ambergris, valued by drug about \$46 an ounce.

VANCOUVER, April 17.—There trouble over the sale of the city debt. J. W. McFarland one of the tender this to say: "R. Wilson Smith, for the city debentures at 101½ with stipulation as to where interest was to be paid. Willingness to accept same payable in Vancouver had pressed by the City clerk and by the Committee, whereas the successful Mr. Farrell was for 101.30 with interest payable in London. The payment of the bonds in the latter did not suit the committee. A while Mr. Farrell was content the tender slightly changed and accepted. When Mr. McFarland's letter was council all the members of the Finance committee acknowledged an indiscreetly asked that new tenders be called for one exception. Ald. Salisbury contended that his integrity had been questioned and promptly resigned. The man of the Finance committee needed in order a somewhat scene in the Council chamber, and many assurances from his confreres still continued to entertain the high opinion of his integrity. But he was restless and refused to be consoled, the matter stands.

Gregorio Guerrero and Gabriel O. sailors of the Chilian bark Hindost sent to Moodyville jail for two days fusing duty.

An employee of the Customs Department has been obliged to resign. He was smuggling goods off one of the boats. Mr. Hammersley, city solicitor, has a long letter to the Council in reference to the city to sell lands for an taxes. In its special act of inquiry the city is given power to sell its overdue taxes, but in the special act no such power specially granted, there is power given to pass a by-law providing for the sale of such lands. The Solicitor advised the Council to have the other of these acts repealed, only one act will apply. This act will be asked for next year. There present over \$80,000 taxes overdue city.

The Council will communicate with Dominion Government and draw attention to the fact that Victoria is now \$1,000,000 in the debt of her while Vancouver, though she is not assisted by the Government.

Civil Engineer Balmann has laid a of income-enemy against City Engineer, in connection with the new rate. As a result the Council will hold an session into all of the charges brought by the City Engineer.

The position of plumbing examiners been vacant by the resignation of T. Swallow.

The steamer Courser offers to estate ferry between this city and Chilliwack \$125 a month.

James Patton is suing the city for and W. J. Gibbons for \$500, for sustained by their falling over a stretched across Water street.

Vancouver's \$5,000 relief fund has been used to advantage, but the cry for as strong as ever.

Ray J. W. Pedley has completed post-graduate course at Oxford, and visiting Germany spent some time in where he visited the Vatican. A sketch of Mr. Pedley appears in the Irish Independent.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, April 16.—Downham was committed for trial to-day assaulting an Indian girl at Blaine, B.C. Thursday.

To-morrow 1,700,000 white fish fry, brought from Manitoba, will be taken Okanagan lake and let loose; 300,000 fish will also be deposited in Cooty lake. The last salmon fry in the lake were taken to Harrison River on Saturday.

The sheriff has been notified that Macdonnell, who killed Wm. Miller at North Bend, will be tried at the same time next month.

The Westminster amateurs will perform at the Vancouver Opera House Wednesday week.

NEW WESTMINSTER, April 17.—Lee a Chinaman, accused of entering Y. Steve's store at Stevenson, a few days