

Australia and Canada is shown by the following passage on page 24 of the conference report:

"While laying the foundation of further Dominion navies to be maintained in different parts of the Empire, THESE FORCES WOULD CONTRIBUTE IN IMMEDIATE AND MATERIAL TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF IMPERIAL DEFENCE."

Apart from the question whether the Government's plans should have gone further, the attitude of the Opposition is wholly inconsistent. In March last Mr. Borden, Mr. Foster, and their followers, called for the "speedy" construction of a Canadian navy, the word "speedy" being inserted in the resolution by their special request. Mr. Foster himself gave a number of unassailable reasons why, in his judgment, it was the only course that ought to be pursued. Today the Opposition do not ask for the construction of a Canadian navy, large or small. The policy which eleven months ago they demanded should be realized as speedily as possible, they now ask to be shelved until after the general election, which is not due for nearly four years. Mr. Foster's only excuse for this change of front is the pretence that there has been a change of conditions. He professes to believe that an emergency has been born in the meantime. In the midst of the German panic, eleven months ago, when even the British Government professed alarm, and accelerated its naval programme, Mr. Foster demanded no emergency contribution, and was satisfied with the adoption of a resolution in favor of the construction of a Canadian navy. The panic has since subsided. Today the members of the British Government boldly and confidently proclaim the overwhelming superiority of the British fleet now and for years to come. They quote figures which even the professed alarmists, playing the game of party in Great Britain, as Mr. Foster is doing in Canada, dare not dispute. There is no emergency; some politicians in this country merely pretend there is one, so as to furnish a pretext for picking a quarrel with the Government on a question that in a better moment they agreed to place above party strife. And they have done this at the expense of honesty, of patriotism and of national harmony.

THE BRITISH POLITICAL SITUATION.

The members of the British cabinet have dispersed for the week-end. It would be a very grave crisis, indeed, that would deprive British statesmen of their week-end recreation, but as Parliament assembled on Tuesday, the ministers must have agreed upon a course of procedure. The Associated Press professes to know that the budget will be the first consideration, and after that the Lords' veto. If the Government takes this line, it will be proving that the King has consented to create new peers if they are needed to override the House of Lords. The ministers met with the Nationalist ultimatum before then. They knew that the Government could not live a day if the budget were given precedence without the guarantee demanded by Mr. Redmond.

It is improbable that there was any intention of reintroducing the budget until the King had given the required assurances as to the veto. Mr. Asquith had declared that he would not retain office unless the absolute veto power were abolished; and the militant section of the Liberal party insists that the question of the veto shall be settled before any other legislation is attempted. The fighting spirit of the party is revealed in the joint telegram of the editors of the Nation, the London Chronicle and the London News commending Mr. Redmond's attitude.

The House of Lords would probably consent to the limitation of its own veto if it knew that the King had resolved to follow his cabinet's advice and create new peers to override obstruction. If the veto question were settled at the outset, the Government would have plain sailing for two or three years at least. The Redmond Nationalists would not permit the defeat of the administration until the promised home rule bill had been introduced. Before this measure could be framed and presented, a good deal of progressive legislation could be placed on the statute book, including the one-man-one-vote bill, which would be a heavy blow at the Unionist party.

LOCAL OPTION REGULATIONS.

The bill to regulate the transportation of intoxicating liquors introduced in the senate by Sir Richard Scott has for its main object the prevention of the introduction of such liquors into municipalities which have carried local option.

The bill makes it unlawful to ship, bring, carry, or cause to be shipped, brought, or carried, any intoxicating liquor to or into any province, county, municipality or town in Canada in which the sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes is prohibited either by Dominion or Provincial statute, or deliver to any consignee or other person any such liquor. The provisions of the bill, however, do not apply to vendors legally authorized by the Provincial Government to import for medicinal purposes or to any intoxicating liquor not exceeding five gallons sent, shipped, brought or carried to any person or persons for his or their personal, or family use, in their own homes, unless it be so sent or shipped to the person delivering the same, his clerk, or agent, or to a person who within five years has been convicted of the violation of the Dominion or Provincial statute regarding the sale of liquor, or during the thirty days immediately preceding a Dominion or Provincial election. In no case is a person permitted to deliver or

intoxicating liquor in a prohibition municipality under any other name or in packages having any other label than that of the name of the liquor contained therein or in packages not having the name of the liquor therein contained plainly labelled and marked on the outside.

The penalty for violation of the provisions of the measure is, for the first offense, a fine of not less than \$100 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, with or without hard labor; for a second offense, a fine of not less than \$200 or imprisonment for not more than six months, with or without hard labor, and for a third and every subsequent offense to imprisonment for not more than six months without option, with or without hard labor. All intoxicating liquors with respect to which any such offense has been committed, and all kegs, barrels, cases, bottles, packages and other receptacles of any kind in which such liquors are contained shall be forfeited. Provision is also made for searching for such liquors in any premises where there is reason to believe they are secreted.

The O'Brienites are playing the game of the Unionist party more effectively than if they were Unionists in name.

The mischief-makers may talk about Quebec as they please, but what they call the Quebec idea is nine times out of ten sander than the Toronto idea of national and imperial questions.

The London Daily Mail says the Unionists would aid the Liberals against the Nationalists even in passing the budget. It is safe to say the Government would prefer defeat in the House. To accept such aid would mean certain defeat in the country.

Mr. Foster tries to justify his somersault on the naval question by "what has happened in the meantime"—an allusion to the German bogey. What has really happened in the meantime to convert Mr. Foster and Mr. Borden has happened in Winnipeg not in Germany.

Mr. McEwing, of West Wellington, wishes to abolish Government House. Sir W. Ralph Meredith once said something to the same effect. Government House and its functions belong to what Goldwin Smith calls "the dummy element of the British constitution." Experience shows that the ceremonial features of the constitution are longer-lived than some of its more active principles.

Some of the professional loyalists scent covert treason in the provision that the Canadian navy shall not be transferred to the British admiralty's control without the Canadian Government's consent. They have gone so far as to deny that the law is the same in Australia. Sir Frederick Borden cabled the Australian authorities and has received the following reply:

"With reference to your telegram, transfer of control to admiralty is not to be automatic, but subject to approval of Commonwealth Government on declaration of war."

ONTARIO'S FAUNA.
[Toronto Star.]

Ontario paid over \$2,000 in wolf bounties last year, figures which indicate that the province is almost as plentiful as Cobalt wild cats.

A STRONG MAN.
[Excerptors.]

At a Scotch celebration the godmother had difficulty in removing the child's head covering, and the minister, wishing to help her, asked the father if he could hold the child.

"Hold him!" exclaimed the father, expanding his chest. "Hold him? Man, I could fling him right over the kirk!"

WHERE MAN EXCELS.
[Puck.]

Man differs from the beasts in that he can piece out what he knows with guesswork and thus possess himself of illusions sufficient on which to build philosophies.

BAD OUTLOOK.
[Boston Transcript.]

"To the geologist a thousand years or so are not counted as any time at all."

"Great Scott! And I just made out a temporary loan of \$10."

ALWAYS THUS.
[Judge.]

Friend—Did your late husband have any relatives?

Rich Widow—Only at Christmas and at his death.

AND FEW DIES.
[Cleveland Plaindealer.]

"Public servants can be relied on more than private ones."

"How?"

"They never quit."

A LINE ON BJENKYN.
[Somerville Journal.]

Lawson—What sort of a man is Bjenkyn, anyway?

"I wish your wife always goes with him when he buys a suit of clothes."

A WALKING HOTEL.
[Youth's Companion.]

After a visit to a famous entomologist whose wonderful microscope had proved that there is always some living being to be found preying on the list of the minutest creature last seen, an English writer said:

"I came here, believing, knowing myself an individual. I leave, knowing myself to be a community."

LOTS OF EXPERIENCE.
[Tit-Bits.]

The attractive young lady who had written "Urgent" on her card was shown into the room of Dr. Sir Chophham Fyne, head of the famous surgical hospital in Splintshire.

"And what is the matter with you?" said the great man.

"I wish," she answered, "to become a nurse in this institution."

The surgeon tapped a thoughtful tooth with his lancet. "First one question: Have you had any previous experience?"

"Experience?" she cried. "If should just think so. Two of my brothers play football, another has tried to cross the Channel in an aeroplane of his own make, mother is a suffragette and father keeps a motor car."

WREGE PEOPLE.
[A Prose Poem by Walt Mason.]

She was tired of washing dishes, and she breathed her fervent wishes that she had a shining motor and some diamonds and a yacht; she was tired of seeing neighbors who hummed from soiled labors like a round of pleasure, were tired to have no other thought. He was tired of selling trousers in the

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The store while carousers scooted past lighting wares, burning money if they went; he was O so tired of slaving! tired of rustling and of saving, tired of dreaming he had millions, just to waste without a cent. And a million more are weary of the treadmill life so dreary, and crying their hands and murmur as the clock goes scoting by; and they say the world's injustice soon or late is sure to adjust us, for it's wrong that some eat cabbage, while their neighbors live on pie. A sick and sly and stealthy way I've viewed the wealthy and they never seemed so happy they had joy to give away; they were badgered, they were hurried, they were bored and grieved and worried, and I do not know a Croesus who's not prematurely grey. If the rich man had her wishes you might see his ashing dishes in a cunning little cottage with a fire near the door; if her husband had the chances he'd be selling vests and pants in the cut price rage department of the Gold Brick Clothing Store.

"THE PALMS."
[Puck.]
"I'm sure I don't know why they call 'em palm trees." In your? I've never seen a palm anywhere near the place."
"You'll see them before you go. It's pleasant little surprise the waiters keep on the guests on the last day of their stay."

HIS ONE CHANCE.
[Puck.]
"Henry," said Mrs. Pock, "are you ever late?" The fellow—"In your sleep!"
"Yes, my dear," replied Henry. "I have to talk some time."

MORE BLESSED TO GIVE.
[Puck.]
Mr. Clossogive ("an lights, she gives 'em music, she gives 'em food, flowers, champagne, and that's what she calls receiving.")

FAR FROM THE SEA.
[Chicago Daily News.]
Naters—What has become of Emma?
Tollers—Why, she and her husband have one to light skyscraping somewhere in Arizona.
Naters—Is that so?
Tollers—No, I didn't know there were any lighthouses in Arizona.

JUST THE MAN.
[Pittsburg Post.]
"There is no place in the world for me."
"Why not?"
"Nobody understands me."
"Then there is a place in the world for you. Get a job as a train announcer."

MR. BORDEN'S TORTUOUS COURSE.
[Halifax Chronicle.]
Mr. Borden's political career has pursued a tortuous course. He started life as a Liberal and grew to monarchism and mature age as a loyal and enthusiastic supporter of the party of progress. He changed his political coat some time in the nineties, when the whole country was ringing with the exposure of the Tory scandals at Ottawa. Since he became the titular head of the Tory party his record has been signalized by muddling over 1906, among other unpardonable in the political history of the country. His latest change of front will go far to destroy sagacity is left of his reputation for political sagacity and leadership.

THE DIFFERENCE.
[Toronto Star.]
The dreadnought policy is like a Christmas tree: beautiful to look at, but having no value. The difference between the establishment of colonial navies is like the planting of a new forest; making no imposing show nor noise for the present, but full of most important possibilities for the future.

EATING HORSES AND DOGS.
[New York Sun.]
The latest vital statistics at hand show that in 1908 136,575 horses and 6,265 dogs were slaughtered in Germany, showing as regards horses a slight increase over 1907, but a decrease of 10,000 over 1906, and as regards dogs decreases of 99 on 1907 and 159 on 1906. There was certainly an increase in the consumption of horse flesh and dog flesh in 1908. During the first nine months of 1908, 136,575 horses and 6,265 dogs were slaughtered than in the corresponding period of 1908. Taking an average of 150,000 horses and 7,000 dogs slaughtered annually, the total yearly consumption in Germany amounts to about 45,000 pounds of horse flesh and 40,000 pounds of dog flesh. Dog flesh, it may be explained, is eaten partly on account of the belief in its anti-consumptive qualities.

There is an extensive trade in England in the export of worn-out horses to the Continent, despite the efforts of the English authorities to put a stop to it.

NATURALLY MIFFED.
[Cleveland Leader.]
"Why," asked Sir Walter Raleigh, "did you execute Mary, Queen of Scots?"
"Because she kept referring to the Elizabethan age," answered the Virgin Queen.

COINCIDENCE.
[Harper's Weekly.]
"Now, Tommy," said the teacher, "you may give me an example of coincidence."
"Why—er," said Tommy, with some hesitancy, "the other day my father and my mudder was both married on de same day."

Week Spring

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Particulars of Tragic Death of
a Stratford Man in
Saskatchewan.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Stratford, Feb. 11.—Full particulars
now come to hand regarding the
death of Mr. Joseph Salkeld, of Wana-
wago, Sask., formerly of this city. The
man, who lives in Stratford, received
letter today from the west, stating
that death was due to accidental poisoning
by carbolic acid. Instead of
maine poisoning, as at first stated,
made a mistake in bottles, taking
carbolic acid instead of painkiller. Anti-
poisoning was given, but the
unfortunate man was uncon-
scious in 15 minutes, and died in half
hour. The body is expected here
Friday, and the funeral will take place
on Saturday morning to Avondale Cem-
tery.

DOG ORDERS SERVED

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will see that the dogs are kept at
home in buildings or muzzled.
The stray dog, or the ill-bred cur,
has been a pest to the city generally
because of these outbreaks of rabies, and
the cure of this class will end the
trouble. The council will in all prob-
ability take the first opportunity of
employing a dog catcher. There is no
other officer at the present time, but
it will have to be appointed, as the
city will have to pay this sort of work.

The Dog Pound.

The dog pound is situated at
McKenzie's Park. Part of one building is
a part for that purpose, and is under
the control of Mr. Bryce McLeod. All
necessary repairs to fix the building
will be made at once.

"We have the orders from the Govern-
ment officials and we will have to
take them out," said Mayor Beattie.
The police department will look after
enforcement of the law, I presume,
and we will have to do something
with them out," said Mayor Beattie.
handle, but we will enforce the law
the letter."

A special meeting of the council will
be held on Monday, and his business will
be considered at the same time.

**DELAWARE PASTOR
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Rev. James B. Freeman Bann-
quitted and Given Well-
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The citizens of Delaware and vicini-
ties, irrespective of class or creed, filled
the town hall last evening to honor
Rev. James B. Freeman and family
on the occasion of their departure for
London. Seidom, if ever, has there
been such a public expression of good-
will to a man and his family as greeted
Rev. Freeman last evening.

About 200 guests sat down to a
sumptuous repast of oysters, etc., after
which a benediction was called to
order by the Rev. Freeman. The pro-
gramme is chaired by the following artists:
Caradoc quartette, Vail trio, Mrs. Car-
adoc, the Misses Pulling, Mr. Akers,
Mr. Benjamin Kibbourne and Rev. P.
W. Leigh. After the programme, Mr. G.
Glennie came forward and read the
following address, and Mrs. F. Bloss-
om presented a public gathering. The
man in a well-filled purse.

Mr. Freeman, in reply, said that he
had been preaching 30 years and never
all his life had been a very great pleasure
and an odorous and popular expression of
goodwill as he witnessed tonight. As a
public man and a public servant he
was highly honored by this large and
representative public gathering. He
was proud before him not only members of
his own flock but also members of
various denominations, and citizens of
this town. He was a very great pleasure
and, indeed, to know. In fact, words
could not express the great comfort
and joy that he felt in realizing how
much he had in and around
around Delaware. They would ever
be in his memory, and he could not
thank them enough for his, the last
and greatest, expression of their love
and esteem.

Mr. Freeman will reside at present
London at 468 Queen's avenue, where
his family will remain until the
autumn. He was a very great pleasure
to go to Winnipeg shortly where
he has property interests, and settle
down, returning later for his family.
His guests were from Mount
Rogers, Komoko, Kilworth and Lon-
don. The following is the address:
to Rev. J. B. Freeman and Family:
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We accept this purse of money as a slight token of our affection and regard, and be assured of the sincerity of our desire for your success in whatever sphere of life you may be placed, and the continuance of our prayer for your richest blessing upon you here, is the Master's "Well Done" in the offering.
Signed on behalf of your friends:
J. E. Blawie—F. Blosdale, D. Tickwood, D. Glennie,
H. P. Baker,
Edworth—Benj. Kilbourne, Walter McOmoka—"Archie" McKellar, Joseph Seal, Idella Steele.

LOBO INSTITUTES.
Feb. 11.—Lobo Women's Institute will meet at the home of D. W. Graham on the afternoon Feb. 16, at 2 p. m. Roll called, followed by conundrums. A good program was assured, and all ladies are cordially invited to attend this meeting.
The Lobo literary society has been reorganized with the following officers: President, H. J. Marsh; president, S. Milliken; vice-president, D. A. Arthur; secretary-treasurer, Miss Annie McIntyre. A good programme, which a debate will be a special feature, is being prepared for next week.

meeting, which will be held in Masonic Hall on Tuesday evening, Feb. 15, at 8 p. m.
The Women's Institute intend having an entertainment in Address Room on the evening of Feb. 23, Remembrance day.

DEATH OF J. B. SMITH
Well-Known Former Londoner Passes Away in the West.
Word has been received from Calgary announcing the death there James Bartley Smith, eldest son of Mr. R. B. Smith, formerly superintendent of the Massey-Harris agency for Western Ontario. Deceased had been ill for some time. While in hospital he attended Victoria school, besides his parents he is survived by a sister and two brothers, one of whom is a Rhodes scholar attending Oxford University.

LIVE HOGS ON MONDAY WILL SELL AT \$8.1
Increase of 15 Cents Per Hundredweight Over Last Week's Price
It was announced this morning that the price of live hogs will be \$8.1 hundred Monday morning. This is an increase of 15 cents a hundred over last week's price, and is due, according to the buyers, to the steady deliveries.
Dressed hogs are reported to be little weaker in price this morning.

THE KAISER UNWELL.
Birmingham, Feb. 12.—The London correspondent of the Post telegraphed that somewhat alarming rumors were in circulation in regard to the health of Emperor William of Germany. It is said that he is suffering from severe attack of catarrh, and that has caused a recurrence of his trouble. Painful suppuration, it is said, has ensued, accompanied by neuralgia pains. This has brought considerable nervous irritability.
To check New Jersey's destructive forest fires, the state has ordered the roads traversing its pine forests to be graded for 50 feet on each side the tracks, and plow up and gravel foot strips to prevent the growth of brush again.

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