

ADDRESSING a deeply interested audience, and an influential one, in London, Eng., Sir Henry Wrixon, one of the delegates from Victoria to the Intercolonial Conference held at Ottawa, spoke in high terms of the public institutions of Canada, saying that the Australians were impressed greatly with Canada's oneness, and felt the full value of federation and unity. He said that upon their return to their homes they would urge union with renewed sincerity. It might be that Canada having saved herself by patriotic spirit and political intelligence might assist Australia by her example. He bore testimony to the fact that the remarkable features of the movement manifested at Ottawa were the warm feeling of brotherhood shown by Canadians toward the Australians, and the intense pride in the Empire and loyalty to the Sovereign.

ONE of the most destructive and disastrous fires which ever occurred in Toronto took place on January 6th, a Sunday morning, when the building occupied by the *Globe* newspaper, and other buildings, notably that just recently completed at great cost, and occupied as a warehouse by Mr. S. F. McKinnon. The fire brigade suffered severely, a number of the men having been injured, one, Mr. Bowrey, fatally and the chief, Mr. Ardagh, who, after a few weeks hovering between life and death, succumbed on the 26th ult. There was much sympathy with the sufferers and steps were originated for public help to the family of the bereaved fireman, Bowrey. The *Empire* gave temporary shelter to the *Globe*, and no issue was missed. A few days later the embers of the fire fanned to flame again and buildings on the same block were destroyed to a greater extent than those burnt by the first outbreak.

THE Secretary of the Dominion Board of Health has been in communication with Mr. J. R. Anderson, statistician of the Department of Agriculture of British Columbia with reference to an outbreak of tuberculosis on the coast. Mr. Anderson states that the subject has become a very serious one in that province, as the disease was found to have developed to a remarkable degree in some districts before its presence was even suspected. Since it has been known to exist, measures have been taken for its suppression. Tuberculin has been applied very freely, and has been found to be reliable. In all cases where animals have been killed, the consent of the owners has been obtained, and compensation denied by the Government, as it is understood that the Dominion Government has assumed the responsibility in the matter. It is, according to the letter, the intention to press the matter in conjunction with the other provinces, in order that the Dominion Government may take the matter up.

THE schedule restriction on Canadian cattle has eventually assumed the form of a live question in British politics. The High Commissioner, members of the government and of the House of Commons, are engaged in a wordy warfare in the powerful columns of the *London Times*, where the case of Canada is strongly put by Sir Charles Tupper, who is endorsed by the press of Scotland irrespective of party. In England the conservative papers favor a continuance of the schedule in the interest of home farming, but the government reverse in Forfarshire at the recent by-election where the issue was very largely that of the free admission of Canadian cattle, will, it is supposed, weigh heavily against the contentions of Mr. Gardner. A few of Sir Charles Tupper's arguments will indicate to the reader the line of defence he is working. He makes a strong point of the fact that pleuro-pneumonia has not appeared in Canada either before or since the first suspicious cases occurred in 1890, and he claims that no veterinary expert attached to the Board of Agriculture, or any independent

authority, will venture to deny that if any of the alleged cases had been pleuro-pneumonia, considering its fatal and contagious character, the disease must have appeared in many parts of Canada before now, as four years have elapsed since the first suspicious cases were reported. He further mentions that the Canadian lung affection, as it appears here, cannot be investigated in Canada, for it is caused by the conditions under which the animals are conveyed across the Atlantic; hence the description of it as transit-pneumonia. Mr. Gardner, in his letter, claimed that the future rested with the Canadian Government, and that they ought to carry out the suggestions made by the Board of Agriculture in July, 1893. In this connection Sir Charles Tupper points out that all the machinery exists in Canada for the detection and stamping out of any contagious or infectious disease that may be found among the flocks and herds of the country, and that it is hardly to be expected that any cases of disease can be reported or investigated if none exist.

A CHANCE for the Canadian sheep breeder is noticeable here: "It is a fact that should be remedied in some way, nevertheless it is true, that fast Atlantic steamers are supplying the hotels in many of the Eastern cities with lamb and mutton from the British Isles. It is more tender and juicy, fatter and more nutritious," so writes a United States contemporary who does well to object to imports of mutton, "more tender and juicy" and better in every respect than that raised in the States! A wealthy country will buy and pay for the best article in the market, no matter whether it be a home product or not. Hence it is that Canadian cheese can be well sold in London and New York. We can sell our first-class goods anywhere; it is a question of quality, and we ought to compete with our British competitors in the large cities of the United States, for it is a fact that we can raise prime mutton in Canada and the sooner we look around for the high markets of Boston, New York, Philadelphia, etc., and prepare our sheep for them the better for our farmers.

WHILE the severe storm interfered with the attendance at the Beekeepers' meeting at Stratford, it did not spoil the interest of the proceedings nor the enthusiasm of those present. It is safe to say that much good will result of the interchange of views between experts, and from the valuable papers read. The following officers were elected for the current year:—President, Mr. J. B. Hall, Woodstock; Vice-President, Mr. J. K. Darling, Almonte; Board of Directors, District No. 1, Mr. W. J. Brown, Chard; District No. 2, Mr. J. K. Darling, Almonte; District No. 3, Mr. M. B. Holmes, Athens; District No. 4, Mr. Allen Pringle, Selby; District No. 5, Mr. J. W. Sparling, Bowmanville; District No. 6, Mr. Wm. Couse, Streetsville; District No. 7, Mr. A. Pickett, Nassagaweya; District No. 8, Mr. F. A. Ross, Balmoral; District No. 9, Mr. S. B. Pettit, Almonte; District No. 10, Mr. A. E. Sherrington, Walkerton; District No. 11, Mr. F. A. Gemmill, Stratford; District No. 12, Mr. W. A. Chrystler, Chatham; District No. 13, Mr. Hughes, Barrie. Mr. Wm. McEvoy, of Woodburn, was re-appointed foul brood inspector, and Mr. F. A. Gemmill, Stratford, sub-inspector. The auditors are:—Messrs. John Meyers, Stratford; and R. H. Smith, St. Thomas.

THE project of cable communication between Canada and Australia is making quiet but substantial progress. One fact which will tell in its favor, almost immediately, is the withdrawal of Victoria from the guarantee to the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, to be followed, not unlikely by others of the Australian colonies who have been paying an annual amount to the company as an offset for loss of revenue consequent on a reduction of cable rates.



1st.—The Cruiser *Blenheim* arrived at Halifax with the remains of Sir John S. D. Thompson.... Ontario Poultry Association met at New Hamburg.... Henry Lyne Stephen, of Montreal, died at Monaco.

2nd.—Mr. Thomas Gilroy, after a re-count, was sworn in Mayor of Winnipeg.... Annual meeting of West Wellington Farmers' Institute held at Drayton.... Rev. Father Dawson, Ottawa, buried.... Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Eastern Dairymen's Association met at Gananoque.

3rd.—John D. Rockefeller donated \$115,000 to the Chicago University.... Funeral of Sir John S. D. Thompson took place at Halifax.... Judge McDougall's report as to civic corruption in Toronto presented.

4th.—The opening of the Kingston Dairy School and Mining Laboratory took place.... Sir MacKenzie Bowell's health pronounced greatly restored.

5th.—Temperature at Saratoga Springs fell to 18 below zero.... Capt. Alfred Dreyfus found guilty of revealing war office documents and was drummed out by the Army of France.

7th.—Warring Kennedy elected mayor of Toronto.... The *Globe* newspaper office was burnt to the ground yesterday.... Rev. Wm. King, the founder of the Elgin Settlement, died at Chatham yesterday.... General Ponsonby, private secretary to the Queen, stricken with paralysis.... Hon. S. L. Shannon died at Halifax.

8th.—Severe storms experienced in Britain.... The waters of the Pennsylvania rivers began to recede.... Four hundred employees of the C. P. R., at Montreal, laid off on account of dull times.... Tenth annual meeting of Ontario Creameries Association opened at Chesley.

9th.—Smallpox discovered in the township of Elma.... Annual meeting of the South Perth Farmers' Institute held at Mitchell.... A grip wave is epidemic in New York.

10th.—All gambling houses in Brussels were closed by the Magistrates.... Mr. John Popham, Montreal, died suddenly to-day.... The Anchor Line steamer *Anchoria*, grounded in the Clyde.... Fire in Toronto damaged property to extent of nearly a million dollars.

11th.—The Argentine crop is estimated at 1,500,000 tons.... Kenneth Campbell appointed Police Magistrate of Brandon.... Mr. Laurier confined to the house by severe illness.... Death announced of Lady Sassoon, wife of the famous Bombay merchant and banker.

12th.—The Quebec Legislature prorogued.... Tuberculosis discovered at Winnipeg.... President Debs, of the A. R. U., has appealed his case to the Supreme Court.... Jos. A. Chisholm, brother-in-law of the late premier, was nominated for Antigonish, N.S., vacant by the death of Sir John Thompson.

14th.—Great fire at St. Catharines, Ont., in which the Masonic Temple was destroyed.... In New South Wales the unemployed are threatening to destroy property.... The discharged C. P. R. employees at Winnipeg decided to found a farmers' colony.

15th.—The President of France resigned.... Fraser River floods are subsiding.... Cornelius Donoran, Inspector of Separate Schools, Hamilton, died.... Seventy-five persons killed in an explosion at Butte, Montana.

16th.—The annual meetings of the South Ontario and Durham Exhibitions were held to-day.... Demonstration made by over three thousand unemployed in Montreal.... The Duke of Argyll has retired from public life.

17th.—Mr. Felix Faure elected President of France.... Senator Tasse died at Montreal.... Rumoured resignation of the Methodist missionaries engaged in Japan.... Mr. Andrew Pattullo re-elected president of the Western Dairymen's Association.

18th.—Hon. J. C. Patterson, Minister of Militia, nominated for the Commons by the West Huron Conservatives.

19th.—The Police Barracks at Bauff destroyed by fire.... Dr. Baxter was unanimously nominated for the Ontario Legislature by the Liberals of Haldimand.... Mr. A. M. Smith, one of Toronto's merchant princes, died.

21st.—John Alexander Bryson, Ottawa, died.... The Kingston nomination for the Legislature took place.

22nd.—Germany's desire to negotiate a treaty with Japan, announced.... The Ontario Beekeepers met at Stratford.

23rd.—Lord Randolph Churchill died to-day.... Loss of the S. S. *Chicora* on the Upper Lakes confirmed.... Chief McKinnon, of Hamilton, resigned.

24.—The twenty-fifth annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. of Ontario and Quebec opened at Belleville.... Report of large immigration of settlers from Kansas to Manitoba confirmed.

25th.—Lord Aberdeen elected a vice-president of the Anti-gambling League.... The Newfoundland Government discussed confederation with Canada, in caucus.

26th.—M. Ribot succeeded in forming a French Cabinet.... Chief Ardagh, of the Toronto fire brigade, died from injuries received at the great fire on 6th inst.

28th.—The Winnipeg Grain Exchange has arranged with the railway to carry seed grain for farmers at half rate.... A snow blockade interrupted Ontario railway traffic.... Lord Randolph Churchill's funeral took place.

29th.—Death of Marshal Canrobert, of France.... Funeral of Fire Chief Ardagh, Toronto.

30th.—Privy Council of Great Britain allows appeal in Manitoba School case.... The steamer *Elbe* sunk by collision off the English coast; 350 lives lost.

31st.—Mr. F. W. Stone, the well-known stock breeder of Guelph, died; aged 81 years.