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Conference Stated.

Want Conditions For a Colonial

Lord Balfour of Burleigh Says Ap proval of the People of Great Britain Should Be Secured Before Beginning Negotiations With the Colnies-Lord Lansdowne Makes Explanation Satisfactorily.

London, April 12.—In the House of Lords yesterday the proposition to hold a Colonial fiscal conference in 1996 was lengthily discussed on the motion of Lord Balfour of Burleigh (Conservative), asking the Government to explain candidly the conditions under which the conference would be summoned, what Colonies would be represented and how far the decisions would be held binding upon the Government and the United Kingdom.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh said the whole question was vital. He accused Premier Balfour of lack of candor and said the constituencies, before they were appealed to for sanction to hold the conference, should have the fullest information. He added that the whole fiscal controversy had been pushed London, April 12.-In the House

information. He added that the pushed inscal controversy had been pushed and manoeuvred by those favoring the preferential taxation of food. Before beginning to negotiate with the colonies the approval of the country should be

the approval of the country
first secured.

The Duke of Marlborough (Under
Secretary for the Colonies), in behalf
of the Government, opposed the motion.
He said the Premier had already plainily outlined the policy of the Government in this matter, and if the Govemment remained in office of was returned by a general election prior to
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1906, a colonial conference would be called and it would be attended by the representatives of the self-governing Colonies and India.

He could not say if the Crown Colonies would be represented. No decision of the conference would be held binding until approved by the people of the United Kingdom at a general election, and by the Parliaments of the Governments, represented. There Are Limits.

Lord Lansdowne, Government leader, thought it would be unfair to ask the Colonies to send their most representative statesmen to this country and then tell them they might not discuss questions which had been discussions. and then tell them they might not discuss questions which had been discussed at previous conferences. At the same time it was well understood there were certain limitations beyond which neither side can make concessions to the other. It was idle to expect that the Colonies will agree to any change in their fiscal system which would wipe out of existence those industries they had built up, while on our side it was perfectly well-known we were unlikely to listen to any changes, that would have the effect of materially increasing the price of food-or restricting the supply of raw material, but any attempt to tamper the conference by minute fastructions could only lead to very undignified and unfruitful discussion.

Lord Goschen said the explanation was satisfactory, and the matter was no longer urgent. Apparently the conference could decide nothing, and the country would be really free for years to come from discussing the fiscal question.

question.

Lord Balfour's motion being opp by the Government was negatived with-out a division. The discussion contin-ued throughout the night session.

13,000 LIVES LOST.

The Estimated Fatalities in the Recent India Earthquake.

Lahore, Punjab, India, April 12.—
Commissioner Juliundur reports as a result of his investigations that he estimates the fatalities resulting from the recent earthquake in the Kangra district at about 10,000, and in the Palampur district at about 3,000.

ern interurban, known as the high rent tension single phase alternating current steam toubin system, which is the most advanced style of electric read in existence to-day.

"We are en route to Tilbury, where we will be joined by Mr. Crawford, and from there we will go via Wheatley to Leamington, where we will be joined by the president of the road, Wm. I. Wilson, of Port Huron, and Gen. Thomas E. Robinson, of Port Huron, and Gen. Thomas E. Robinson, of Portice and the American Counsel.

Palampur district at about 3,000.

The total number of persons killed at Dharmsala was 424 besides the Gurkhas who were crushed to death by the falling of the stone barracks.

More Shocks at Simia.

Simia, April 12—Fresh earth shocks Monday evening and vesterday more than a management of the conditions of the conditi

Mesars J. G. Turin. Walter Scott and Talbot left for Edmonton yester-day to assist Hon. Frank Oliver in his campaign. Others will go if their ser-vices should be needed.

The Gurney Co.'s Suit.

St. Catharines, April 12.—Justice Anglin and the special jury listened all yesterday to evidence in the case of the Gurney Foundry Co. against members of the varions unions, and when court adjourned last night the case for the prosecution was not completed. J. B. O'Donoghue and M. J. McCarron, for the defence, may have no witnesses, as the prosecution is calling all the defendants. The Gurney Co.'s Suit.

Sat Without Wigs.

Victoria, B. C., April 12.—Full court yesterday sat without wigs for the first time in the history of the Province. This is the result of the Stuart Henderson Act, which was passed at the last session of the local House. Justice Martin was one of the presiding judges.

Cultivation is as necessary to the mind as food is to the body.

LORDS DESIRE CANDOR ELECTRIC ROAD TO WINDSOR

Promoters of the Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore Line Visit Chatham

Interview With the General Manager

-The Proposed Route-Interest in
the Project,

A number of the promoters of the Windsor, Essex and Lakeshore Electric Railway Company arrived in the city last evening on a trip of survey over the proposed route of the

The members of the party were Philip Heseltine, of Detroit, General Manager: E. M. Raymond, of Philadelphia, Chief Expert Engineer, who is preparing his fiscal report of the enterprise; A. W. Heseltine, Assistant Engineer, and James Dixon, of Windsor. The party arrived in Mr. Dixon's automobile.

In an interview with The Planet Mr. Philip Haseltine gave some very interesting information regarding the new road.

"We are going over the propose line in behalf of the eastern capitalists, who stand ready and willing to furnish all monies necessary for very high grade, up-to-date road.

"We left Windsor Monday at noon and Dr. Brien accompanied us as far as Kingsville. Dr. Brien has been connected with the enterprise from its inception and is using every pos sible effort to make it a success. other gentleman who became interested without solicitation is W. C. Crawford, of Tilbury. He interested himself in the scheme upon its mer-its and he is now Vice-President and a director of the road, and will undoubtedly be director and treasurer

in the near future. "If Chatham will give us a fair and unbiased franchise when we knock at her door, which will now be in the course of a few days, we will give the people here direct conection with Detroit in one year and four months after the letting of the contract, if nothing extraordinary We expect to have 350 men on the ground within the next 30 days working upon the construction of the

"When the fiscal report is made out and approved of by Mr. Raymond and the franchise granted and the right of way absolutely secured, the contract will without any difficulty whatever be closed. But we must have a franchise and we must conneot the two cities of Chatham and Detroit.

"The style of road will be a medern interurban, known as the high

More Shocks at Simia.

Simia, April 12.—Fresheearth shocks Monday evening and yesterday morning led to a recrudesence of alarm. The new Government offices here were freshly cracked.

Won't Exclude Japs.

Ottawa, April 12.—Consul-General Nosse yesterday morning waited upon the Prime Minister and complained of the bill passed by the British Columbia Legislature on Friday, which is intended to exclude Japanese from the Province. Mr. Nosse stated subsequently that Sir Wilfrid gave him as urrance that the bill would be dislibowed.

Messrs. J G. Turiff, Walter Scott and Talbot left for Edmonton yesteray to assist Hon. Frank Oliver in his simpaign. Others will go if their serices should be needed.

new road will cost \$2,400,000.

The party was entertained by acting Mayor Ald. E. Bell. The company will make application for a franchise Irom the cigy in the course of a few days, and Ald. Bell assared the party that the company will be dealt fairly with as far as the city is coacerned.

A BANNER DAY

On March 23rd, 1905, the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad andled on its lines east of Buffalo and not including the Boston & Albany Division, 30,043 freight cars. This required 621 trains, with an av-This required 621 trains, with an average of 48 cars to the train, and was in addition to more than 1,000 passenger trains on these lines during that day, making 1,621 trains in all—the day's business of one American railroad.

Is it a wonder that the press of two continents calls this "America's Greatest Railroad?"

TO EFFECT A JUNCTURE

Rojestvensky Will Join Division That Passed Singapore.

Admiral Togo's Fleet Will Have a Formosan Base All Foreign Ships Are Excluded From Kelung - Vice-Admiral Nebogatoff's Squadron Cruising Near Socotra Awaits Reinforce ments From the Black Sea Fleet

St. Petersburg, April 12.—Whether Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky's battle-ship division passed through the Straits of Sunda or the Straits of Malacca, it of Sunda or the Straits of Malacca, it is practically certain now that he is moving to effect a juncture with the division which passed Singapore, April 3. It is possible that this may not take place until the two divisions reach Cape Fadarin, on the east coast of Cochin China.

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Armed From England.

The Admiralty is not harboring any delusions on the score of the opinions of foreign experts, based upon the theory that Togo's ships are armed with guns which were worn out at Port Arthur, as the officials here know that there have been heavy shipments of guns from England during the past few months.

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Base for Tege's Fleet.
Washington, April 12.—Minister
Friscom, at Tokio, has cabled the State
Department that he has been advised
of the closing of Kelung to foreign
ships until further notice. Kelung is
a port on the north end of the Island
of Formosa. It is believed here that
the action of the Japaness Government
in closing Kelung indicates that this
port will be used by Admiral Togo
as a base for his fleet.

Cruising Near Scootrs,
London, April 12.—A despatch from
Jibutil, on the Gulf of Aden, te The
Daily Mail, says—"Vice-Admiral Nebogatoff's squadron has been cruising
near Scootra.

ear Socotra.
"It is reported to be awaiting renforcements from the Black Sea fleet."

Stabbed the Policeman.

Niagara Falls, April 12.—A colored man whe gave his name as Johnson, and his home as Stratford, put in an appearance at the Grand Trunk depot about 2 o'clock yesterday morning, accompanied by a colored woman Patrolman Campbell was summoned, and, covering the man with his gun, ordered him te surrender. The man struck right and left, knocking down a car examiner who was with the ofstruck right and left, knocking down
a car examiner who was with the officer and inflicting a stab wound about
5 inches deep in the officers right
shoulder with a knife. The officer finally clubed him partly into subjection. the police court he was remanded for eight days.

C. P. R. Crop Rep Winnipeg, April 12.—The first C.P.R. crop report of the season was issued yesterday morning. Taken generally the crop conditions are considered as most favorable. Seeding has begun about two week's earlier than last season, and rapid progress is being made. In some places there is need of more rain, while at others the ground is Tain, while at others the success still too damp to be worked success fully.

Inhaled Coal Gas.

Thoroid, April 12.—Richard Williams, an old resident of Thoroid, committed suicide Monday night by Inhaling coal gas. He set fire to the coal in an iron pot which he had suspended from the ceiling. When found he was sitting in a rocking chair near the pot. He left two letters addressed to friends in town.

Struck by Engine.

Woodstock, April 12.—Morley Hol-brook, a farmer of Holbrook, had a narrow escape from death yester-day morning. His buggy was struck by an engine at the Grand Trunk cross-ing on Peel street and was completely demolished. He himself, although thrown out escaped with but a few thrown out, escaped with but a fev scratches.

"Montreal" Is Burned.

London, April 12.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Co's Atlantic Line steamer, Montreal, Capt. Evans, which has been lying at Millwall, waiting to proceed to Antwerp, and thence to Montreal, was badly damaged by a fire which occurred in her after-hold vesterday.

Spain Cuts Duty on Wheat, Washington, April 12.—David R. Burch, United States Consul at Malaga, Spain, has sent the State Department the following depatch: "Wheat duty has been reduced 50 per cent, on account of failure of crop. Advise sellers. American wheat in great demand."

Galt. April 12.—Mr. Sjoddart's condition yesterday morning was worse but during the day he railled somewhat, and it was somewhat more reassuring last night. It will be weeke at least before he can be removed.

May Die From Assault.

Woodstock, April 12.—Gregory Mulkern, lessee of the Royal Hotel stables
lies in a critical condition as a result
of injuries received in an assault or
him last Wednesday evening. No arrests have yet been made.

Bishop Sweatman Rallies.
Toronto, April 12.—The doctors at the General Hospital say that Bishop Sweatman has railied wonderfully after the operation of last night, and that his chances of recovery are very good.

Strathcona Leaves.

Montreal, April 12.—Lord Strathleft last evening for New York, wh
he will sail for England to-day
again take up his position as CanaHigh Commissioner.

KEEP LAW AND PRESERVE ORDER

Hotel Men Will be Held to Strict Account, Says the New Inspector

Bars Must Close on Time and Profane and Obscene Language Must Cease
—Consulation Called.

"This means an honest and vigor is enforcement of the license laws West Kent in so far as I am able," said Inspector Nathaniel Massey to The Planet yesterday afteroon as he significantly tapped upon bis commission and the copy of the Government Order-in-Council appointing him which he had just re reived.

"The people well understand," coninued Mr. Massey, "that Premier Whitney and our new Government have pledged themselves to an administration of the license laws that s as nearly perfect as possible. If, then, the men who have been appointed to the different positions don't do their duty, what is the con-sequence? The administration will e no better than under the old Ross Government, and it will reflect dis redit upon the new Government,

"It will be my earnest aim to adhere strictly to the policy of the new Government in the administration of my department, Immediate-Ily after the granting of the license shall call all the license-holders together and we will go over the rules and just what the law requires. Let a license holder be Grit or Tory he must fully make up his

or Tory he must fully make up his mind that he will be compelled to live up to the letter of the law or suffer the full jonsequences,
"There may be some things I may not get onto, but I tell you this. This Saturday night business and this Suaday business will stop—and stop at once.
"More than that. Most of us know that in some bar-rooms there is at times much loud talking and profane and obscene language. This must stop, and if the hotel man is unable to stop it he will have to forfeit his license, that's all. On this matter, in accordance with the instructions of the new Government, intend to be most strict and insistant. There is nothing that reflects greater discredit upon the license system than the noisy and disreputable talk tolerated in some hotels."

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Those who know inspector Massey will take him at his word. His position will commend itself to the people at large and is in direct accordance with the policy of the Whitness Government.

cordance with the policy of the Whitney Government.
Inspector Nathaniel Massey was born at Wellington Square in 1837 and came to Orford Township when a child. He has been a resident of West Kent for 35 years, farming and buying and exporting cattle. For some years he conducted a business on the market under the name of Massey & Ewing. He has been shipping cattle for 44 years and purchased horses for the American war. He is a gentleman held in high esteem and may safely be intrusted with the administration of his new duties.

Toronto, April 12.—Returning Officer. Peter Ryan received only one nomina-tion for the seat of Centre Toronto, vacated by the death of the late E. F. Clarke, and at two o'clock he declared Mr. Edmund Bristoh Conservative, elected by acclamation.

Killed By a Train. Waterford, April 12.—The dead body of C. Leach was found along the Mich-igan Central tracks at an early hou-yesterday morning. He was 45 years

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