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## "BRITISHERS!"

On another page The Standard prints this morning two notable speeches delivered recently by Mr. Austen Chamberlain and Mr. George E. Foster at the Lord Mayor's banquet in Birmingham. The home city of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the great pioneer of Tariff Reform and Imperialism was a fitting place from which to send forth a message in which the Imperial idea—the closest unity between Great Britain and her colonies—was the prevailing sentiment. It was, from the reports received, a memorable gathering, at which legislators from Overseas mingled with prominent members of the Unionist party—the party in England which always stood and still stands for the policy of Imperialism Mr. Chamberlain enunciated.

The right note was struck by the Lord Mayor when he addressed his audience as "Britishers." That was the spirit of the evening. All the guests were comprehended in that one title. It was the keynote of the speeches as it is the keynote to Imperialist policy. The Birmingham Gazette and Express, in commenting on the gathering, well expresses the feeling which prevailed. "Here," it says, "were no strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens of our own—sundered from us by half a world of sea, but none the less one with ourselves, now and for ever."

Mr. Foster, in a speech which was a revelation to many of his hearers, dwelt on the importance of the Overseas Dominions who, as he eloquently described them, were "the foundation of England's greatness, the hope of her permanency and strength in years to come." He spoke of the intense loyalty and pride of the Dominions in the Mother Country, their desire to be part and parcel of her, to partake of her glory and, in turn, to share with her their own triumphs. Such an ideal is not to be attained in a day. There are long and toilsome roads to be trodden, steep hills to be climbed, dangerous rivers to be crossed before the goal is reached, and Mr. Foster and Mr. Chamberlain, who followed him, indicated some of the sign posts that mark the long road.

The Gazette and Express, which voices the opinions of the Unionists, has a striking editorial on Mr. Foster's speech. Commenting on his reference to "organization and co-ordination" as the safeguards against the dangers of disunion, it asks: "How, then, are we to organize 'our resources, how co-ordinate our forces?' The answer 'to that,' it says, 'is not Mr. Foster's, it is the answer 'given to us here in Birmingham. It is fitting that 'every speaker last night should pay his tribute to Mr. Joseph Chamberlain. It was fitting that at each mention of his name the hall should ring with cheers, again and yet again. For it is to Mr. Joseph Chamberlain 'we owe it that Birmingham is now the proudest of 'English towns—the pioneer city of Imperialism. He 'it was who first foresaw the danger of disunion, the 'boundless possibilities if union were achieved. He 'saw the disease and he saw also the remedy. And 'Tariff Reform, on its Imperial side, means precisely 'that organization and co-ordination for which Mr. Foster—and the Colonies with him—are asking."

"The story is an old one," continues the Gazette, "but it is a story that Birmingham is not likely to forget. 'The only certain way to a permanent Imperial union 'is an identity of interests, the only sure bond is the 'economic bond. That bond is well worth a great sacrifice, but today it may be obtained without any sacrifice, without raising the cost of living by one single 'farthing a week. That is the first constructive work 'of the Unionist party—Imperial Preference. We ask 'for it because the Colonies ask for it—because by it 'alone can the Empire remain firm and unshaken through 'every shift of fortune. That is the organization and 'co-ordination we desire."

The Gazette continues: "Other things there are, 'great things, yet to be done. The suggestion of an 'informal Parliamentary Congress with representatives 'from all the Dominions, is an attractive one; so, also 'the plan of a genuinely Imperial Navy. But these 'are secondary; they are means to an end perhaps; or, rather, they are ornaments that may be placed on the 'completed edifice. First of all comes the foundation, 'solid, unshaken and unshakable—the foundation 'Mr. Joseph Chamberlain has sought to lay: the foundation 'that we in Birmingham are resolved shall be laid 'in the near future—the bond of Empire, the token of 'union, the pledge of stability—Imperial Tariff Reform."

With these hopes and aspirations of the great Unionist party in England for an Imperial Preference still in our ears, turn we now for a moment to Washington, to listen to the hopes and aspirations of William H. Taft, President of the United States: I HAVE SAID THAT THIS WAS A CRITICAL TIME IN THE SOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF RECIPROCITY. IT IS CRITICAL BECAUSE UNLESS IT IS NOW DECIDED FAVORABLY TO RECIPROCITY IT IS EXCEEDINGLY PROBABLE THAT NO SUCH OPPORTUNITY WILL EVER AGAIN COME TO THE UNITED STATES. THE FORCES WHICH ARE AT WORK IN ENGLAND AND IN CANADA TO SEPARATE HER BY A CHINESE WALL FROM THE UNITED STATES AND TO MAKE HER A PART OF AN IMPERIAL COMMERCIAL BAND, REACHING FROM ENGLAND AROUND THE WORLD TO ENGLAND AGAIN, BY A SYSTEM OF PREFERENTIAL TARIFFS, WILL DERIVE AN IMPETUS FROM THE REJECTION OF THIS TREATY, AND IF WE WOULD HAVE RECIPROCITY, WITH ALL THE ADVANTAGES THAT I HAVE DESCRIBED AND THAT I EARNESTLY AND SINCERELY BELIEVE WILL FOLLOW ITS ADOPTION, WE MUST TAKE IT NOW OR GIVE IT UP FOREVER.

The Congress and Senate of the United States have realized to the full the truth of President Taft's words that this is a "critical time," and by large majorities have decided favorably to Reciprocity. The United States stands ready today to strike the blow that will sever this "Imperial commercial band reaching from England around the world to England again." And Canada? Canada still stands at the parting of the ways. Can we doubt that every true Canadian who has been and bred in him loyalty to the Motherland and the Empire will know well how to answer the momentous question when it comes: "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve?"

## THE LAST STRAW.

American humor, English propriety and the ambition of William Waldorf Astor to gain a title form the subject of a clever sketch in a recent Hearst Sunday supplement. It appears that Waldorf Astor, Jr., has a highly developed sense of humor, which, while serving him in good stead at the time of his campaign, at another time almost ruined his father's aristocratic hopes.

When Astor, Jr., launched his campaign for member of Parliament he did so with barrels of ale and great éclat, almost to the ruin of his prospects. But he managed in his speech to turn the tide in his favor by perhaps the most humorous declaration of the whole campaign. "Now I want to say right now that we don't want any dirty American dollars over here," he declared, "and I certainly feel that a stop should be put to this sort of thing." To which the people gave a rousing cheer.

"Any Americans who think that their dollars can buy our British electors will find themselves jolly well mistaken," to which the people gave another cheer.

It was a bold thing to do in view of the fact that Astor, Sr., owns nothing but "Dirty American dollars," with which he hopes to buy not the British elector, but a British peerage. But the electors never got the point of the statement's humor and Astor, Jr., was elected.

When the election was over father Astor, with an eye to the future, took his son aside and admonished him to remember that while a sense of humor was alright in America he was now a part of the British public and it was time to submerge this "beastly American trait."

But "Wally" couldn't seem to do it. The Earl of Winterton gave a masquerade ball and "Wally" and Mrs. Astor, Jr., put their heads together to develop proper fancy costume ideas for the occasion. Mrs. Wally decided to be very foolish as a pink-skirted, and very short-skirted, Folly.

"Capital idea by Jove," said Wally, "and I shall go as one of Premier Asquith's 600 new peers."

"Bully!" exclaimed Mrs. Wally, "and won't that amuse every one!"

And so Wally rigged himself out, never appreciating the fact that "peers is peers," regardless of whether they are born that way or just made, and that the joke of his idea might possibly escape discovery.

And so the night came along and his get-up was immense, at least to his American sense of things. His purple dual robe was long and stringy, his ermine of cat fur, his crown was shabby and stuffed with straw, and his jewels were fakes. On his shoulder was the fatal number 499.

"Isn't Wally's make up just too funny for anything?" said Mrs. Wally to her fellow-guests.

"Eh-yess rather," the guest would reply. "But what does it mean? Isn't it a little insulting don't you think?"

And so it was understood, and Lord Rosebery wrote a letter to the Times in which he accused Mr. Astor of turning the House of Lords into ridicule, ending with the following spirited passage: "Privilege has been the nation's life; this is a last outrage to the House of Lords in the time of its extremity." It was indeed the last straw.

Poor father Astor, who had hopes of being a member of this same House of Lords, sorrowfully took his son to task, and showed him the error of his ways.

"I thought that I went to the ball as a joke," said Wally in despair, "as a very good joke! Lord Rosebery and his kindred have no sense of humor and a mighty sense of propriety."

The most painful thing in the world is an attempt to explain a joke.

## VETERANS AND VETERANS.

When is a veteran not a veteran? asks the Ottawa Journal, and proceeds to supply the answer. When he fought against the Fenians. That is the question and answer in true Socratic style, to the latest Government riddle.

The facts of this astonishing discrimination are that the survivors of the war of 1812 received valuable returns from the Government. Likewise the veterans of 1885, while everyone remembers the welcome accorded to the brave Canadian lads on their return from the South African War. Among the many indications of the people's gratitude for their safe return and the nation's pride in their achievement, free grants of fertile Western lands were distributed among them.

But for the veterans of 1866 and 1870 the Government has no recognition whatever to offer. If there is any good reason to explain the manifest discrimination that reason should be given forthwith. And if there is no difference between the heroes of '66 and those of '65 and 1900-01, this fact should be revealed at the earliest possible moment. The Government owes it to the veterans, to the country, and to their own selves, to make public that explanation, and let the country judge of its sufficiency or the contrary.

The last class of persons who should be called upon to bear the humbugging are those who have been willing to sacrifice everything for their country.

Thus the Telegraph: "If Reciprocity is an objectionable thing, it is dangerous, if it would damage the country, surely by allowing it to pass now the Conservative party would come into power six months or a year hence because of the public dissatisfaction which—the Tories say—will follow the trade agreement." By the same token, why should a man decline an invitation to swallow an irritant poison, if he has the comforting assurance that he lives next door to a doctor? Reciprocity arguments are getting a trifle wild and woolly these days.

## Current Comment

(Hamilton Spectator.)  
A French Catholic newspaper has declared that the real trouble in Canada among Roman Catholics is not due to Protestant aggression, but rather to a war between the French and Irish in the church. It hasn't been stated so plainly in a public way before, though it has long been suspected, and it is too bad that it is so. Internal dissension is a mighty bad thing for church or any other organization.

(Nogales Oasis, Arizona.)  
Congregational Church (Terrace Avenue). W. A. Laughlin, P.D., minister. Two high-class themes next Sunday. Hear them. At 11 a.m.: "The Dream of Pilate's Wife." Hear about the mystery of sleep and dreams. At 7:30 p.m.: "Angels and Suspender Buttons." Not a sermon, but a monologue. Popular, pathetic, pleasing.

(Montreal Herald.)  
A form of closure employed by South African natives has been suggested for use at Ottawa. It is in the shape of a rule that all speeches must be made on one leg, the speech to end the minute the second leg touches the ground. An excellent principle; but what about the innumerable Ottawa arguments that have not a leg to stand on?

## DIFFICULTIES IN RAISING WASHADEMOCK BRIDGE

Repairs to Central Railway Bridge, Recently Burned, are Being Pushed Forward Against Heavy Odds.

Considerable difficulty has been experienced in raising one of the parts of the Washademoak bridge on the Central Railway, which fell into the river recently. Joseph R. Stone, one of the commissioners, stated last evening that he did not know when the bridge would be ready for traffic, as it would be necessary to secure extra power to raise the fallen part. He added that the men who had been employed in raising the bridge were mostly farmers, and had quit work to attend the hay crop. This had also put the work back. It has been found necessary to build a new cement abutment and drive piles in the river in order to restore the bridge.

## CATARH CURED OR MONEY BACK

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## FUNERALS.

James Johnson.  
The funeral of James Johnson took place yesterday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock from his late residence, 54 Elliott Row. Ven. Archdeacon Raymond conducted funeral services, after which interment took place in Fernhill.

Mrs. Mary E. Hill.  
From the residence of her son-in-law, H. Cross, 206 Sydney street, the funeral of Mrs. E. Hill took place yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Gordon Dickie, after which the remains were interred in the Church of England burying ground.

Dennis Daley.  
The remains of Dennis Daley were interred in Sand Cove cemetery yesterday afternoon, following funeral services which were held in St. Rose's church by Rev. C. Collins.

## Scouts Go To Camp.

Division No. 6 of the Boy Scouts, under Scout Master J. Smith, left Fairville station at 9.30 o'clock yesterday morning for Viar's Cove, Quaid Bay, where the boys will go into camp. About twenty-five boys left for the camping grounds and others will likely join them in a day or two. The party will return to the city on Saturday.

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## ACTIVE WORK AGAINST THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

Kent-Northumberland District Division Sons of Temperance Lays Down a Program of Vigorous Action.

Chatham, July 22.—Kent-Northumberland District Division, Sons of Temperance, held their quarterly session here yesterday afternoon and evening. The officers and delegates present were:

Harcourt—District Worthy President, Rev. R. H. Staver, M.A., presiding.

Newcastle—District Scribe Alderman H. H. Stuart, and Valter the Day. Douglastown—District Worthy Associate Harold C. Stothart, Misses Helen Grey, Eliza Hutchison, and Jane Jessamine. Loggville—Miss Zena Walls.

Chatham—Ex-Alderman Geo. Stathart, John Forrest, R. Alvin Walls, Miss Jean Ross.

The reported membership on June 30 was, Harcourt 52; Newcastle 39; Douglastown 41; Loggville 38; Chatham 51; Burnt Church 29; Rexton 43; Grandview 40. These eight divisions have about \$400 cash on hand, and nearly all of them are in halls.

The D. W. P. reported that after several months' hard work on the part of the District Division and other friends of temperance, only two parishes of Kent County had liquor licenses, and on August 1st, Wellington parish would be dry. In the last parish (Richibucto) there would be a plebiscite on local option in October.

District Scribe reported a recent awakening of temperance sentiment in Newcastle.

The committee on the state of the order: George Stothart, Harold C. Stothart, R. A. Walls, John Forrest and H. H. Stuart, brought in a report, which was unanimously adopted, reiterating the necessity of having the Dominion Government amend the Scott Act and the Local Government its license law to provide that in "dry" districts no liquor could be imported or sold except through government vendors, the latter to publish annually full account of their sales; to prohibit outside doctors giving prescriptions within "dry" districts; to compel persons arrested for drunkenness to tell where they got their liquor under penalty of imprisonment; to move having any considerable liquor on hand, or concealed, or falsely labelled, prima facie evidence of intent to sell; to allow constables to search for and seize liquor without warrant; and to allow no appeal from decision of stipendiary magistrate.

The Division adjourned to meet in Richibucto on October 1st.

A very successful public meeting was held in the evening, with the following programme:

Chorus—Onward Christian Soldiers. Address—Mayor Byrne. Piano Solo—W. C. Day.

Address—Ex-Mayor D. MacLachlan, M. P. P. Reading—Miss Helen Gray.

Address—Ex-Ald. Geo. Stothart. Solo—Guyon A. Mercereau.

Address—Rev. J. M. McLean. Reading—Miss Dwyer.

Address—Ald. H. H. Stuart, of New castle. Reading—H. C. Stothart.

Address by the Chairman, Rev. R. H. Staver. Intermission—Ice cream and cake, and music by Misses Mercereau and Burke.

## HON. GEORGE E. FOSTER'S WAS FINEST SPEECH

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they will extend to us the offer they have once made for a closer commercial union of the Empire, we here will be loyal to the idea and will not rest until it is accomplished. (Applause.)

Empire's Greatest Need.

"I believe, my Lord Mayor, ladies and gentlemen, that the greatest need of the Empire at the present time is the cultivation of close common interests, and out of close common interests and daily intercourse will grow the need for some organization to direct and organize, but if the business is there to be done our race will find a means of doing it.

But we have never been happy as planners of new constitutions. That's not a role congenial to us, or in which we are a success. Our institutions have not been the result of the study of philosophers in their cabinets, but the result of the growth of commerce, trade interests of one kind or another, that have called for common expression and have found that common expression when the need was so. So I believe it will be for the Empire at large. We will turn our back on no new idea you bring us. We will bar the door against nothing that promises a closer union of our common efforts." (Applause.) He believed that if the spirit were right the force of circumstances and the growth of interests would bring them together and create the common institutions of which at present they dreamed, but of which they could not foretell the ultimate shape.

## A Case For Prayer.

He thought it was in the course of a visit to Canada and after travelling right across that great Dominion, that in one of the last speeches he made on the homeward journey Lord Milner said that when he thought of the British Empire, of its vast possibilities and its vast responsibilities, he did not want to go into the street and shout—he wanted to go into his study and pray. It was in his spirit that he (the speaker) concluded his remarks.

He prayed that this gathering of members of Parliament, who as the Empire might strengthen them in the thought of common loyalty to that great Empire and might make them all determined that, as they scattered to their different tasks and to the distant portions of the world in which they lived, they would ever bear in mind the great whole of which it was their pride each to be a part, and so try to order and govern their common affairs that, without meddling or interfering with the self-government of their neighbors, the common resources of the Empire might be at the call of each part of the Empire, the common fortunes of the whole Empire shared by all the Empire, and the duties of the Empire never forgotten by any part of the Empire. (Applause.)

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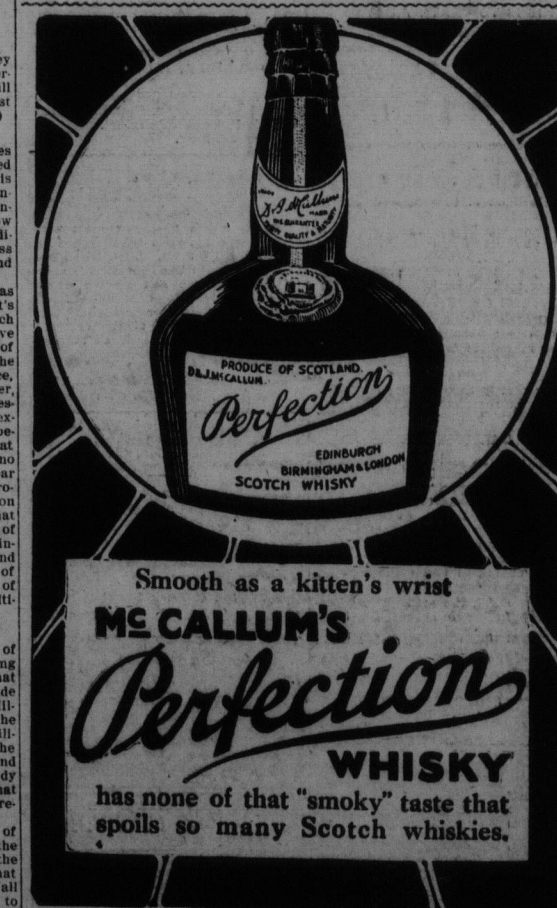
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HOME FROM GERMANY.

Newcastle, July 22.—Grand Secretary L. R. Hetherington of the I. O. G. T., who, with Mrs. Hetherington attended the international meeting of the order in Germany last month and later witnessed the Coronation of King George V. and made a tour of several continental cities, returned yesterday and have taken the house on Prince by a vote of 53 to 27. The figures sent out in early despatches were not correct.

The Canadian Reciprocity Vote.  
The reciprocity bill was passed in the United States Senate on Saturday by a vote of 53 to 27. The figures sent out in early despatches were not correct.

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