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HOUSE TO KEEP BOTH HANDS ON TARIFF

Opposition Argues That Government, in Establishing a Commission, is Shirking Responsibility, But This is Strenuously Refuted—Guthrie Charges C.M.A. Influence.

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—(Special.)—The creation of a tariff commission does not in the slightest degree minimize ministerial responsibility in regard to the tariff, declared Hon. W. T. White this afternoon in moving the second reading of the bill to create such a commission, and the premier expressed the same idea in different words later in the debate when he declared: "This tariff commission will bring in no tariff. The government of this country will bring in the tariff."

"The tariff," said Mr. White, "cannot be taken out of politics. It is and probably always will be the chief topic of political discussion."

The tariff, he further declared, was not a stereotyped thing, but should change with changing conditions, but all changes should be based on accurate information and this was the duty of the board to gather. Canada could not get too much information, too much data.

The opposition, with Hugh Guthrie as their protagonist, devoted their energies largely to demolishing a man of straw, the member for South Wellington declaring that the proposed commission raised a barrier between the government and the people who sent them into power.

He further declared that there had been no public demand for it. It had not been discussed before the people. He saw in it the "grand pro quo" to the C. M. A. for their generous and lavish support in the election of September 21. His real object was to fasten a higher protective system than ever on the country," he said.

To these charges, Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden gave a direct and unqualified denial. He himself had spoken in favor of the creation of a tariff board on at least forty or fifty platforms east and west and the people were

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BRITAIN FEARS COAL STRIKE

Owners and Men Unable to Agree, and Outlook is Gloomy—Still Hope for Settlement.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—(Can. Press.)—The probability of a national coal strike and complete dislocation of the industry has been greatly increased by the failure of the national conference of the coal owners and miners to effect a settlement. During the early part of January a ballot of the miners' federation was taken on the question of declaring a general strike on March 1. The ballot indicated that 445,891 men were for a strike and 115,291 were against the strike.

The conference of the coal owners and miners was preceded by meetings of the representatives of the coal miners in Great Britain, extending over many days, at which a minimum wage scale for all underground workers was formulated according to the varying conditions of the districts, but providing that nowhere should the wage be less than five shillings (\$1.25) a day. These demands were discussed at a prolonged session to-day, with the result that the coal owners adopted a resolution declaring:

Pay for Work Done.
"The owners are prepared to consent to the proposition that each person in their employment should receive a fair day's wage for a day's work, but are convinced that payment in proportion to the amount of work performed is the only rule that can be successfully applied in the case of coal-getters. They are aware that there are cases in which, owing to difficulties arising in consequence of exceptional conditions,

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SOO LINE ACTIVITY.
The Soo Line will spend, early in 1912, \$1,000,000 for new cars and will commence the construction of 200 miles of road in North Dakota.

Says Naval Bill is Dead

MONTREAL, Feb. 7.—(Special.)—L'Evenement of Quebec, the organ of Hon. L. P. Pelletier, publishes a significant article in view of the fact that Mr. Seigney, M.P. for Dorchester, asks for the repeal of the naval bill. The Quebec paper says: "Every one admits that the naval bill is dead, and that this ridiculous law will never more do any harm on our statutes. The repeal of this law is quite certain, and, in fact, its repeal has been decided upon for a long time past. The exact hour of Mr. Borden's speech against this monument to the stupidity of the Laurier-Lemieux government is in the mind of Mr. Seigney, but it will take place before long." The Quebec despatches refer to Mr. Pelletier's presence at Quebec, which apparently coincides with the appearance of the article in question.

MANY PROBLEMS FOR BOARDS OF TRADE

Provincial Association Will Meet in Toronto to Discuss Parcel Post, Welland Canal Deepening, Tax on Mail-Order Houses, and Extension of T. & N. O.

The annual meeting of the associated boards of trade, to be held in Toronto on Feb. 22 and 23 next, promises to be one of the most successful ever held by the associated boards. Provisions have been made for a large gathering, and a very interesting program arranged for the two days.

A copy of the resolutions to be submitted to the resolution committee at the meeting, has been issued, and every vital question pertaining to the future growth of Ontario has been covered very effectively. The waterways question has received a good deal of attention, and will, no doubt, create a lot of discussion among the delegates. Welland, Kingston and Toronto all have resolutions adopting the policy of widening and deepening the Welland Canal. Welland advocates urging the government to put a stop to the bonusing of industries by municipalities. North Bay advocates the establishment of a prison farm in Northern Ontario. Belleville wants the postal rates on periodicals reduced, and endorses the parcel post proposition. Goderich wants a tax on mail order houses. London asks for the extension of the Western University. The Toronto board advocates the extension of the T. & N. O. in Northern Ontario. The exploitation of the St. Lawrence, conservation and improvement of all waterways, and a subsidy from the government for highway construction and maintenance. St. Catharines asks that the Bill of Exchange Act be amended. Saul Ste-Marie wants the colonization of Northern Ontario looked after and systematized.

Some interesting developments may be expected when the resolutions from the Collingwood and other northern Toronto and all other lake shore boards are strong advocates of the Welland Canal and St. Lawrence River improvements, and no doubt some very interesting arguments will occur at the meeting, when these two factions come together.

RUSSIANS CLASH WITH CHINESE

Former Are Charged With Aiding Mongols to Rebel—Three-Cornered Fight in Turkestan.

PEKIN, Feb. 7.—(Can. Press.)—Diplomatic difficulties, as well as occasional military incidents between the Russians and the Chinese, continue and are being watched closely by the foreign representatives here.

The imperial foreign board recently sent a note to the Russian legation in which the Russian troops were charged with aiding the Mongols in their attack on the Chinese garrison at the railroad station of the City of Manchuria. The foreign board requested the Russian legation to see that the Russian troops observed neutrality.

The Russian legation in its reply says that the Mongols after their attack on the Chinese garrison, retreated into the railway zone where the Russian troops arrested them. The troops of the Chinese garrison followed into the railway zone and attacked both the Mongols and the Russians. In the course of the fight, killing a Russian officer and a Russian soldier, as well as a number of Mongols.

Pledge Their Support

At a meeting of the executive and past presidents of the Sons and Daughters of Ireland Protestant Society, held in Euclid-avenue Hall last evening, the following cable, signed by David Crawford, ex-president, was sent to Lord Londonderry at Belfast: "You can depend on the loyal support of Irish Protestants and their descendants in Toronto in the stand you are taking against home rule."

BELFAST HELD BY 5,000 SOLDIERS

Redmond and Other Nationalist Leaders Arrive—Seek to Preserve Peace.

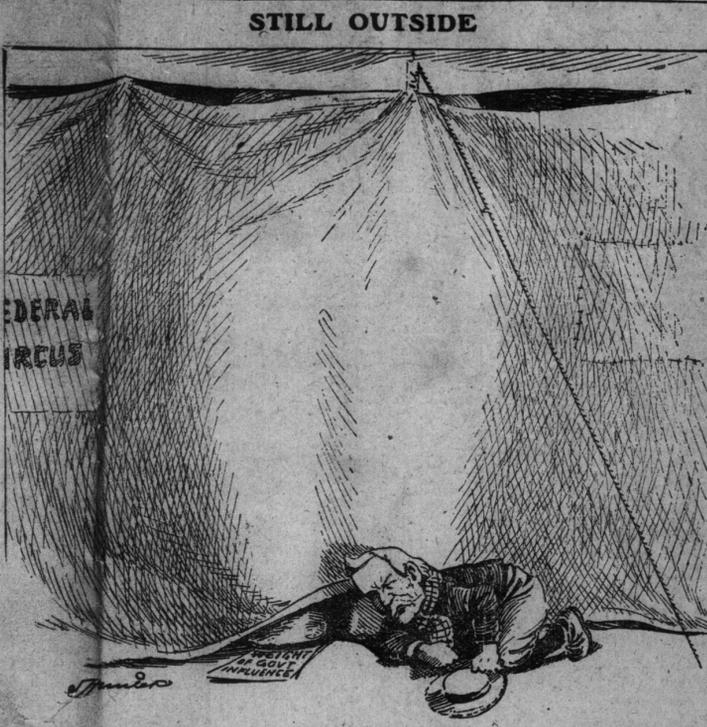
BELFAST, Feb. 7.—(Can. Press.)—How many soldiers are stationed in Belfast in anticipation of possible trouble at the great home rule meeting tomorrow, nobody knows, but the authorities assert that they are sufficient to quell any serious disorder. Tonight everything is quiet, and preparations have been completed for the gathering in Celtic Park, where Winston Churchill and John Redmond are to deliver their addresses.

John Redmond, William Redmond, Joseph Devlin and the other Nationalists arrived here this afternoon, and were greeted warmly by a large body of their adherents. The Marquis of Londonderry, Sir Edward Carson, and other prominent Unionists are also coming in order to influence their followers to keep the peace. Ulster Hall is now guarded by the police. A heavy cold rain prevailed tonight and the streets are deserted. The football field, hired for the Churchill meeting, is a quagmire.

Five Thousand Troops Ready.
Not less than 5000 troops are in the city. The number may be much more than this, but they are invisible until tomorrow.

Fifteen hundred infantry and a squad of cavalry will guard the immediate vicinity of the meeting place, while 2000 will occupy strategic points along the route.

Both the Nationalists and Protestants have recruited large bodies of special constables to help preserve the peace. A general belief is that everything will pass off quietly. Seven magistrates have arrived to be in readiness to read the riot act if necessary.



GEORIE GRAHAM: I'd have crawled in under if that fool elephant hadn't stepped on me.

GREAT LAND SYNDICATE OPERATING IN YORK TOWNSHIP TO THE EAST

Mr. William Harris, head of the Harris Abattoir Company, has for some years had between 200 and 300 acres this side of the Dawes-road and the Massey estate, and south of St. Clair-avenue. A gulley with a creek (Trout Creek) at the bottom of it ran thru this Harris property. There are big barns and a silo on it, and Oaklands, now Chisholm-avenue, gave it connection with Danforth-avenue.

Mr. Harris sold this a few weeks ago to a Pellatt syndicate for about \$300,000. This same syndicate bought the Tabbot farm, ninety acres, to the west, and the Gates farm, of forty acres (Newmarket race-track), to the south. They have also bought blocks on the east side of Woodbine-avenue. They also bought some north of St. Clair-avenue, including the McLean Howard farm. They must have 500 acres or more, and some of it cost over \$2500 an acre. They are beginning to lay it out.

But no sooner did Mr. William Harris begin to sell out to the Pellatt crowd than his sons and their associates started buying immediately to the north, and they have now secured over 500 acres north of St. Clair and east of the Don to the townline: Boyd farm, 70 acres; Smith farm, 90 acres; Grant farm, 100 acres; Coulson farm, 90 acres, other blocks that bring it up to 500 acres. The top price was nearly \$500 an acre; much of it brought \$400.

North again of this some months ago, John Harris and associates bought the Elliott farm, 200 acres, and subdivided it. The next farm (the Wilson, of 200 acres) William Harris bought, and it is believed that this has changed hands.

Are the whole 1500 acres which all join up going into one big deal, and what is looming up?

DEALERS WEAKEN IN BUTTER WAR

Eighty Per Cent. of New York Merchants Cutting Prices, and the Crusade Will Be Continued.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Hundreds of women who joined in the campaign to force down the price of butter were jubilant to-day when Mrs. Julian Heath, chairman of the Central Council of the Housewives' League, announced that 80 per cent. of the retail dealers were selling the best grade of print butter at forty-four cents a pound. Two weeks ago, she said, the same grade of butter was being sold at prices ranging from fifty-seven to sixty-two cents.

"It is our purpose," Mrs. Heath said, "to continue the butter campaign until all the retail dealers cut the price. Many letters and telephone messages have been received to-day congratulating us on the success of the crusade. Retail dealers have admitted that they were forced to reduce the price because their customers stopped buying butter."

A Million From Paris
A particularly interesting piece of news to local financiers yesterday was the rumor that a million dollars had been sent to a Toronto bank from Paris, France, to be loaned out. The rumor was crystallized into a fact by the admission of a prominent banker and broker, who said the rumor was approximately correct. The same broker informed The World that money was working easier in Toronto, and that money markets were more liberal in all the leading financial centres were more inclined to favor borrowers than for a long while. It is thought that the Paris funds will be confined to loans or securities, and some brokers predict that it will have a favorable influence on the price of stocks.

An Unusual Combination.
A beautiful woman with a perfect figure and a rare voice, as well as possessed by Miss Vera Michelena, the star in the musical farce "Alma, Where Do You Live?" playing at the Princess this week. Miss Michelena's stage career is most promising.



J. D. McKay of Newmarket, who has been appointed Registrar of Deeds for North York.

FLED FROM BURNING HOUSE.

LUCAN, Ont. Feb. 7.—Mrs. Johnston Alken, who is originally from here, and her three little children barely escaped with their lives, in a fire which destroyed the house early this morning. A nurse in attendance had started a fire in the kitchen stove, but how the house ignited is not known.

RADIAL LINE IS PROJECTED

Mackenzie and Mann Said to Be About to Build Road From Toronto to Goderich.

A rumor is in circulation to the effect that the Mackenzie and Mann interests will shortly commence the building of a radial line from Toronto to Goderich, passing thru Georgetown, Acton, Guelph, Berlin and Stratford.

One interesting fact in connection with the proposed road is that it will pass thru the birthplace of two of Canada's famous sons. Acton, the home of Donald Mann, and Rockwood, the birthplace of James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern. Canadian Northern officials do not deny the rumor.

NO RUSSIAN SABLE.

The czar has decided that for three years no sable can be trapped in his domain. Russian sable, therefore, is going to be considerably more expensive than the furrers' catalogues show it to-day. Now it is, that a small muff and the costs anywhere from seven hundred and fifty to one thousand dollars. There is another sable, however, and it comes from the wilds of Canada, the Hudson Bay sable, and it is just as fine in quality and coloring as that which comes from Russia, and is more reasonably priced. It takes an expert to distinguish any difference.

This Dineen stock-taking sale has some splendid lines of Hudson Bay sable manufactured into garments in Dineen workrooms from last year's trapping, all marked down at from twenty to fifty per cent.

TO SAVE WOODS FROM RAVAGES OF FLAMES

Canadian Forestry Association Recognizes Need of Co-operation Between Organized and Unorganized Districts to Guard Lives and Timber.

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—Delegates to the Canadian Forestry Association convention, which opened here to-day were greeted warmly by both Premier Borden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Premier Borden compared Canada to a young man who had inherited a vast estate and who, unless carefully watched, was liable to squander his wealth. He especially urged the association to impress both legislators and the people with the necessity of checking the forest fire evil.

"There are some things on which the prime minister and myself can agree," said Sir Wilfrid Laurier, "and the conservation of forests is one of these."

At the afternoon session the association devoted its energies chiefly to the question of protection from fire, and in this connection a lengthy discussion took place.

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INSIDE HISTORY

FROM THE MINICO CRAFTSMAN
When we were in town the other day we had the pleasure of meeting our old and venerable newspaper friends John Ross Robertson and Robert Jaffray, the latter of whom used to keep store on Yonge-street in the early days of Little York. Mr. Robertson was the first head boy at Upper Canada College and for many years after. We also had the pleasure of seeing the editorial manager and we were struck by the fierceness of the exhibit. However, notwithstanding the fact that we were most anxious to know why these two worthy journalists are so down on Billy Maclean, who prints a little about a chap named Hocken who runs some kind of file and drum paper, that they chase them with wild beasts, we refrained from making direct inquiry; but on our return home from the town with our usual supplies and with the paper for next week's edition we casually mentioned the fact to the young gentleman whom we have lately engaged as city editor for The Craftsman and asked if he knew anything about this journalistic anomaly.

We should mention that the name of the young man is Hiram Abiff and we gathered from him that he had a life acquaintance with Mr. Robertson and been with him on the works, and that Mr. Robertson imparted to him some time ago that inasmuch as Billy Maclean and the Hocken had, one in the council, and one in his newspaper, being supporting some deal which gave the whole of Ashbridge's Bay and the whole of the east end of the settlement over to a grand-nephew of our old friend William Cawthra, Mr. Robertson had taken an oath to collect a menagerie of wild beasts to tear them to pieces like the gladiators were in ancient Rome, and also for all time to oppose in his paper anything that might ever be suggested by Hocken or Maclean.

While we have not known this young man Hiram Abiff very long, still he seems to be rather bright, and putting what he says alongside of our own observations, we draw the conclusion that there is a good deal of truth in it. Tho we would say that while it may be a satisfaction to Mr. Robertson and Mr. Jaffray to "kick" the wild animals on these two other journalists, it is rather hard that the residents of Little York should suffer in the way of getting another pump put in the town and two or three board sidewalks that are badly needed up there; because as we size it up, it is the innocent people of Little York who are suffering rather than Hocken and Maclean who suggested the pump and the sidewalk. Mr. Maclean has always impressed us as a man of some grit and Mr. Hocken as a man of some force whenever there is a town meeting on. We therefore trust that Mr. Robertson take this from us: that if he puts his wild beasts on the two "yellow kids" as he calls them, that he do not put them on the innocent and long suffering people of Little York.

In the meantime we sit out here in our own little sanctum watching the settlers driving their oxen over the Eschobooks Creek, far away from the fence newspaper rivalries that prevail in Little York. We also trust our readers will notice the increased number of local items of news which our new reporter, Hiram Abiff, has been able to get in this week's paper. Hiram looks to us like a real find.

SHOOTIN UP THE TOWN
A wild man stuffed with dynamite was shot in the town of Goderich, Ontario, last night. The man was shot by a constable who was on duty at the time. The man was carrying a large quantity of dynamite and was in the act of lighting it when he was shot. The man was killed instantly.

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JAPP: Whistler first, John B.

JOHN: Let's meander to the city hall and Whistler up Tommy Church and Geary so that they'll head of any annexation schemes. Then up to the parliament buildings and give Jim Whistler a little idea what's looking for him! Go by The World office, too!