

# INTEREST KEEN IN LONDON OVER CONFERENCE

Sessions Attended by Premiers Likely to Last Four Weeks

## TALKED OF ROYAL VISIT TO CANADA

Post-War Army Shown Worthy Successor of Old "Contemptibles"

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LONDON, Sept. 16.—It is three years since the last Imperial Conference was held here, and in view of the important subjects coming up for consideration, the assembly next month is looked forward to with exceptional interest. The conference is to open on October 19, by which time it is hoped that all the Dominion Premiers will have arrived in London. It would have taken place earlier were it not for the political crisis in Canada and the elections there. It is anticipated that the conference will sit for at least four weeks, the agenda being a very long and important one. The first big subject for review is that of foreign policy, which is certain to be keenly debated. Air policy, communications, migration and overseas settlement (the last is one that Australia considers of vital importance), the film industry, the Privy Council, and the hearing of appeals from the high courts of the dominions are among the other subjects to be dealt with at the imperial gathering.

### EMPIRE MARKETING

There will be no separate economic conference this year. On the last occasion it was found that no saving of time was effected, owing to all-important decisions taken on economic policy having to be reviewed by the Imperial Conference. The whole question of inter-imperial trade will engage the attention of the premiers to a greater extent than hitherto, in view of the setting up of the Empire Marketing Board, for which Parliament voted half a million, and the great publicity campaign scheme that the board has prepared. Then there is the work of the Imperial Economic Committee, whose recently-issued report on dairy produce and the movement of trade within the empire will also come up for consideration. The Empire Marketing Board, which intends to utilize the Imperial Fruit Show to be held at Holland Park next month for propaganda purposes, is also planning to hold a similar show for the first time in London, and, for the first time, British canned fruit and vegetables will be exhibited. As an occasion of relief to the strenuous work of the conference, many social engagements are being arranged, and on November 4 the King is to entertain the premiers at a banquet, and they will be the guests of the Lord Mayor of London on the 21st.

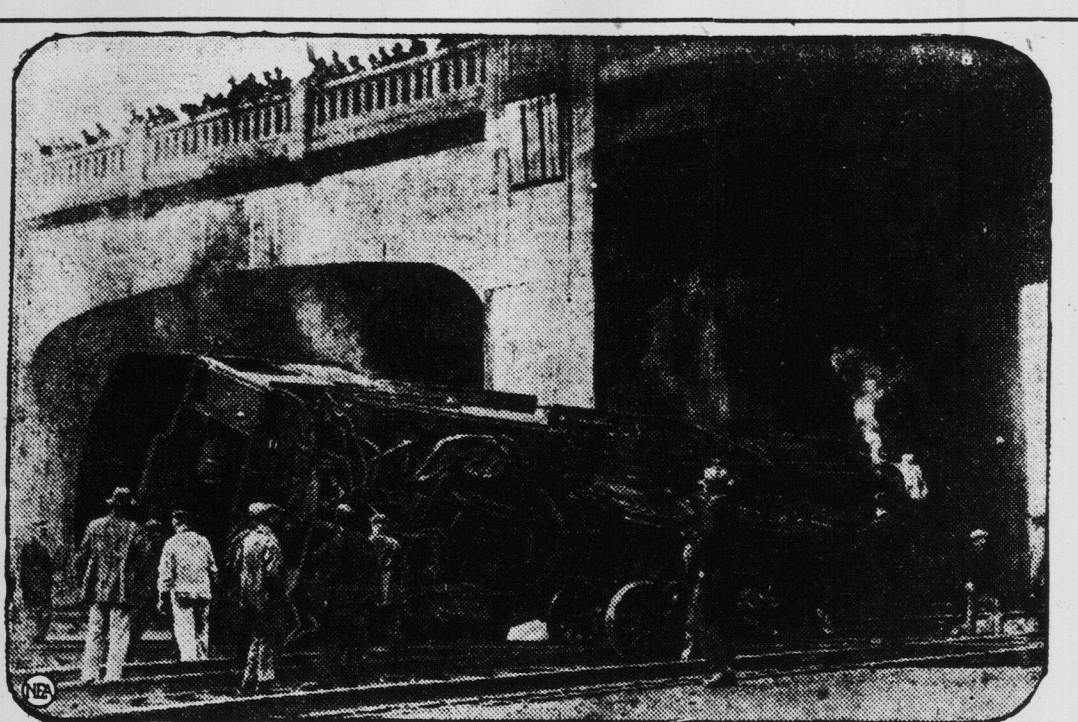
### AN IRISH GHOST

Some time ago it was whispered in Ireland that some sort of revival was to be arranged of the Old Irish Parliamentary Party. Apparently a manifesto signed by Captain William Redmond and I. O'Donnell is the first attempt to realize the idea. It calls for the formation of a strong constitutional opposition to the present ministry in the Dail. Captain Redmond is the only son of the late John Redmond. He is a good speaker, and possesses a bright, genial, if somewhat flamboyant personality, but is a much less able man than his father, as, indeed, he would readily admit. He was a member of the old Irish Party, and so was Mr. O'Donnell, his co-signatory. Mr. O'Donnell has brains, and speaks well, but he, too, was not a front bench man. There are possibly half a dozen other ex-members of the old party to which much the same would apply, and who might be rallied to the new scheme, but it is to be feared that they would be unable to give a shadowy imitation of the pliancy that once made history in Westminster. The Irish Party is dead, and its ghost is scarcely likely to walk abroad.

### A POLICY NEEDED

When one says that the Irish Party is dead one is, of course, speaking figuratively; but, in fact, death has been busy among its members in the last decade. Old age, too, has made a considerable difference. It is not too much to say that with one very notable exception the front-bench men of the famous fighting party now left

## WHERE EIGHT DIED IN PENNSYLVANIA WRECK



Here is the wreckage of the locomotive of the Midland Express of the New Jersey Central Railroad, which crashed broadside into the Lehigh Valley at Bethlehem, Pa. Eight persons were killed and nearly two score injured, all of whom were in the coach struck by the New Jersey train. The engineer of the express blamed faulty signals for the tragedy.

In Ireland, men like Mr. Dillon, William O'Brien, and Mr. Sexton, are too old for active politics. Mr. Healy is Governor-General, but that scarcely counts as active politics. The exception, of course, is Mr. Devlin, but his career, for the time being at all events, is confined to Belfast Parliament in which he leads the opposition. Captain Dedmond's idea is sound in this extent—that a capable opposition in the Dail would be extremely useful, but an opposition to be capable must have a constructive policy different from that of the ministry it opposes, and the manifesto does not disclose the possession of any such policy.

### WAIT AND SEE

The Earl of Oxford celebrated his 74th birthday this week. From the City of London School the future Prime Minister proceeded to Balliol, where he was Jowett's favorite disciple, and where he carried all before him. Mr. Asquith was never severely tried at the Bar, but his parliamentary career was phenomenal. Entering the House as member for East Fife in 1886, he became Home Secretary in 1892 without having held minor office. He has never looked back, and his succession to the premiership when Campbell-Bannerman died in 1908 was unchallenged and unchallengeable. As an orator he has never been diffuse, and so closely kneaded are his speeches that it is practically impossible to tear portions effectively from their context for the purposes of quotation. As an orator for a ceremonial occasion he is unequalled. As a statesman he shows rather as a peace than a war minister.

### ROYAL VISIT TO CANADA

I am told on excellent authority that the Canadian government desires most earnestly to have the King and Queen visit Canada next year. It is felt that their presence would do a tremendous amount of good to the Dominion, try, mighting industry, mining, and development. Canada is on the upward grade in so many different spheres of activity that the King's presence would give tone to their future and ensure that good relationships between capital and labor as vital for a growing country's need. Further, it is felt that the Prince would be only too glad to visit Canada, and he is "all out" for Canada.

### POST-WAR ARMY

Many valuable lessons have been learned from this autumn's army training, though for reasons of economy none of the exercises approached grand scale manoeuvres such as were held last year. They were sufficiently extensive, however, to emphasize, firstly, that our post-war troops are worthy successors of the old "Contemptibles," and, secondly, that mechanization has definitely emerged from the experimental stage. The marching of the men under packs of 80 lbs. old has been beyond praise. Another feature to the army's credit is, taking practices over the whole year, the great improvement in musketry, which has practically reached the high standard of 1914. For military draught purposes the horse may now be regarded as a back number, and when funds are available one or other of the different patterns service tractors will displace the teams. There is considerable diversity of opinion concerning tanks, some military authorities adversely criticizing both the construction and mechanism of these machines.

### ARMY'S NEW A. G.

While the army welcomes the appointment of General Sir William Braithwaite as the new adjutant-general to the British forces, disappointment is not concealed that the job did not go to "Tim" Harrington, who, instead, has been given command of a division in India. It will be some months yet before the new adjutant-general takes up his duties, for military appointments are always made well in advance. With his ruddy complexion and squarely-built figure, he gives the impression of a hearty fox-hunting squire rather than a distinguished member of the military hierarchy, but, besides being a man of first-class physique, General Braithwaite is the possessor of first-class brains, as he showed by his fine strategic performance as divisional commander at Bullecourt. Since the war he has filled many important posts at home, including a term as G. O. C. of the Scottish command. He was also one of the referees in the important army manoeuvres last year.

In all parts of the Empire educational authorities will be keenly interested in the new secondary school to be opened this week at Tooting by the London County Council, as it is intended to combine the best ideals of the English public school with the most up-to-date methods of the present-day secondary system. But more than that, the activities which the headmaster has in view will make many old boys regret that they are no longer of school-going years. A special feature will be the fostering of individual talents in view of the fact that the lady whose services have been secured for an arrangement with a business institute is Miss Olive M. Davey, B.A., who has completed a successful career at Oxford University, where she obtained an honors degree. She is to devote the first six months at the school to studying the practical requirements of the business, and will spend part of her time actually serving customers. A scheme on similar lines has been carried out in Paris houses, mainly for American girls, for the last year or two, and with the experience thus gained they return to United States to take up appointments in the big stores.

### THE GUARDS MEMORIAL

The great parade for unveiling of the guards' Memorial will be one of that in composition and ceremonial will equal the finest that London has seen since the war. Practically every Guardsmen who served in the regiments of the Guards before they were turned into a division after the Battle of Loos, as well as those who served subsequently, will be present if it be at all possible to gather them from the four corners of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. It will be a gallant sight to see the representatives of the Grenadiers, Coldstream, Scots, Irish, and Welsh Guards with the artillery, engineers, medical and transport units attached, on parade together to do honor to their gallant dead. Fan told that the massed bands of the Brigade of Guards and the Household Troops will be present around the memorial which the Duke of Connaught, who commanded the Brigade of Guards in Egypt years ago under Lord Wolseley's leadership, will unveil. More than that, thousands of the divisions present in the coming parade will be in mud. All classes of the community will be Guardsmen once again for the day.

### THE NEW TRACERY BULLET

In the concluding stages of the war great stress was laid on the importance of being able to gauge accurately the effects of fire from machine guns and rifles. More particularly was this directed towards the successful attack on observation balloons and aeroplanes. Since then the importance of directing accurate fire from machine guns or advancing infantry or their enemy posts has been stressed, and the all-important necessity of obtaining a satisfactory tracer bullet has occupied the attention of inventive military experts. Only just recently has the required type of bullet been discovered by an American, who claims to be able to check the target of any machine gun or rifle instantly. These bullets have certain phosphorescent attributes that permit the marksmen undoubted opportunities of seeing where his aim is directed. American military authorities have taken up the idea, and are developing it.

### AN ART TREASURE

The attractions of the Belgian Exhibition which is to be held during the winter at the Royal Academy will in all probability be added to by what is regarded in the world as the greatest sacred picture. This is the famous Van Dyck "Altarpiece of the Lamb," from Ghent Cathedral. It was painted early in the fifteenth century, and consists of twelve exterior and fourteen interior panels. In 1578 Calvinists, desiring to secure the support of Queen Elizabeth, offered her the masterpiece as a present, but it was not allowed to leave the country. In the eighteenth century some of the finest panels were sold to the King of Prussia, and these have been returned to Ghent from Berlin under the Treaty of Versailles. Other panels were buried in Brussels Museum, and these also have been restored to Ghent, so that the whole altarpiece is once more complete as it was when it left the hands of the artists 500 years ago. London and Continental experts who have been consulted as to its value say that it can scarcely be assessed in terms of money, and think it more valuable even than Raphael's "Sistine Madonna."

An experiment in staff training that is being watched with interest by the drapery and allied trades is now being

## SCOTTISH RITE MEMBERS REACH CITY YESTERDAY

Fifty Delegates to Supreme Council of Masons En Route to Halifax

Over 50 delegates to the Dominion convention of the Supreme Council of Masons of the 33rd Degree Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, which is being held in Halifax this week, arrived in Saint John early Sunday night by special train from Montreal. The visiting delegates are registered at the Admiral Beatty Hotel and during their stay in the city will be the guests of the Valley of Saint John, New Brunswick Chapter. The program as outlined by the local committee started at 9.45 this morning with an auto drive to the principal points of interest. It was planned to leave the Admiral Beatty Hotel and drive to Gondola Point, crossing on the ferry to Erb's Cove. From there the party motored to Hampton, returning to the Riverside Country Club for luncheon at 1.45 p.m.

### BANQUET TONIGHT

In the evening a banquet will be tendered to the visiting delegates at the Admiral Beatty Hotel. The address of welcome will be read by R. F. Wright, P. F. G. M. Lodge of Perfection, Valley of Saint John, and will be responded to by Sovereign Grand Commander Dr. A. F. Webster. It is probable that several of the visiting delegates will make addresses. After the banquet, through the courtesy of the Canadian National Railway, a movie will be shown on the screen.

## STOP that COLD With PECTOR

Red Cross Out This Week For 10,000 Members in New Brunswick

Throughout New Brunswick a vigorous membership campaign will be conducted by the Red Cross Society during the present week and at the provincial office during the last few days much work has been done in getting out to the various centres the special supplies required. The objective in the campaign is 10,000 members at least. The Saint John centre is carrying forward both a drive for members and a drive for the funds for its winter work. Its financial objective is \$5,500. With the assistance of a splendid corps of volunteers from the Boy Scouts, about 2,000 letters were folded and despatched last week and during this week there will be both a house to house canvass of the residential section by the women's committee and a thorough canvass of the business section by the men's committee. Mrs. I. F. Longley, the president, Mrs. Walter Hall, Miss Frances Stetson and Mrs. Heber Vroom are the members of the local women's committee for the canvass and W. R. Pearce is convener for the men's committee. The workers have all been specially invited to attend a social gathering in the Church of England Institute this evening at 8 o'clock when a program arranged by Mrs. Margaret Lawrence will be given, and there will be addresses by His Worship Mayor White, Mr. Murray McLaren, C.M.G., M.P., Mr. Pearce, Mrs. Leonard Tilley, Mrs.

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## GIRL DIES OF BURNS AT CHARLOTTETOWN

CHARLOTTETOWN, Oct. 3.—Elizabeth Ford, 11-year-old daughter of John M. Ford, was burned to death on Saturday when her apron caught fire as she was throwing chips on the stove. She was badly burned about the chest and body that death came almost instantly.

## Funerals

Daniel McCaig  
The funeral of Daniel McCaig took place on Sunday afternoon from his late residence, 38 Autumn street, to Holy Trinity church, where the burial service was read by Rev. Francis Cronin. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery and the burial service at the grave was read by Rev. Charles Carroll. Relatives were pallbearers. There were very many floral and spiritual offerings.

## AUTOMOBILE UPSETS HORSE AND WAGON

On Saturday night at 8.40 o'clock, automobile No. 6977, owned by J. A. Maxwell, 30 Champlain street, West Saint John, and driven by his son, William A., collided with Silas Rice's delivery team at the corner of Mill and Pond streets upsetting the horse and wagon. The driver of the wagon was

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