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THE COLONIAL CONFERENCE. Subjects Proposed for Discussion by the Premiers in London.

The following is a list of subjects proposed for discussion at the conference of the colonial premiers now in session in London:

By the colonial office:
The political relations of Great Britain and the colonies.
Imperial defence.
The commercial relations of the emitter

The relations of Australia and New

Zealand with the islands of the Pa-

Zealand with the islands of the Pacific.

By New Zealand:

Freferential tariff by way of rebate duties on British manufactured goods carried in British pwned ships.

Rebate on duty in the mother country on colonial products, which are now. taxable.

An imperial reserve force for service in case of emergency outside the do-minion or colony in which such reserve is formed, the cost of maintaining and equipping to be agreed upon between the imperial and colonial governments; the Australian squadron to be strengthened on the line of existing ar-

rangements.

That subsidized mail service be es-

BROCKVILLE, Ont., July 3.— John C. Bann, proprietor of the Revere house, fell from a window of his hotel this morning and was probably fatally injured.

8t. John, July 4th, 1902.

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WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Interesting Proceedings at This Morning's Session in York Theatre.

Addresses of the Presidents and Reports of the Various

The formal opening of the National Women's Council took place this morn ing. No time was lost in getting to work at the heavy programme of busi-ness which was laid down for this orning. A large amount of it was disposed of quickly. It was, however, found necessary to make a change in the programme, making Saturday and

White was a brilliant and successful affair. There was a large number present and there were many handsome costumes. The reception room was decorated with fems and potted palms, while costly oriental rugs were laid on the floor. The doors were draped with rich dark portiers and the windows with lace curtains. The assembly room in which his worship and Mrs. White received was decorated in white and green. The pillars were twined with cedar, and from the tops hung festoons of white and green. The emblem of the National Council of Women occupied a prominent position on the walls. The decorations of this room were done under the direction of Mrs. J. Walker. Harrison's orchestra occupied a raised platform between the two rooms, which was partly hidden by a mass of evergreens.

Mrs. White received her guests in a handsome grown of pale blue silk, with duchesse lace, overdress, pale blue sash and forget-me-not shoulder straps, with diamond ornaments. She was assisted in entertaining by Miss Troop, who wore a dress of pale blue silk, with embroidered lace overdress and pearl ornaments.

Mrs. Robert Thomson, president of the National Council wore a gown of black velvet with duchesse lace and diamonds.

Mrs. J. V. Ellis, president of the

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Mrs. J. V. Ellis, president of the local union, wore black silk with lace overdress and sleeves, the bodice was trimmed with lace.

During the reception music was furnished by Harrison's orchestra, Luncheon was served in the dining noom, which had been elaborately decorted under the supervision of Mrs. Charles McLaughilin, Miss Josephine Troop and Mrs. Sherwood Skinner. The prevailing color of the room was pink. On the table was a large cut glass centre piece, filled with roses and carnations. It rested on a center of pale pink silk, surrounded by smilax. At the corners of the table were tall vases filled with carnations and roses. The walls were done in lattice work of green and crimson, and the pillars and chandellers were entwined with green and cream. The color effect was most pleasing.

Later in the evening dancing was commenced and was continued for some hours.

tablished between Australia, New Zealand, Canada and Great Britain, the steamships to be British owned and so fitted that in time of war they may be armed and used as cruisers.

That triennial conferences be held between imperial secretaries of state for the colonies and the premiers of self-governing colonies.

By the Natal and Cape governments:
That the naturalization of aliens in any part of the British empire will be sufficient for the whole of the empire.

By Australia:
The nostruction of ocean cables and the purchase thereof.
The establishment of an imperial court of appeal.
The mutual protection of patents against loss.
The most favored nation treatment, and if a British preferential tariff is given imperial stamp charges on colonial bynds.

The list submitted by Canada is not made public.

At the opening of the council this morning Mrs. Thomson made the following fitting reference to his majesty:
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MRS. J. V. ELLIS,
president of the local council, in delivering the address of welcome said:
During the years of the St. John council we have looked forward to the time
when the National Council would be
with us. Our pleasure is dampened
by regret at the absence through death
of Miss Frances B. Murray. Through
her efforts the council meets here today. But we will miss her kind handclasp and deep scholarship. We meet
for the first time in her official capacity the president, Mrs. Robert
Thomson, a most worthy representative of this community. Our sincere
wish is that the presence of the council will have a stimulating effect upon
the work and deliberations of the
council in the city in which we are
gathered. We have outstretched fands
and hearts for those here and words of
regret for those absent. I venture to
refer especially to the presence of Lady
Taylor, a former president, I welcome
you to a city which has no small history and which has played no inconsiderable part in the prosperity of
Canada.

MRS. J. L. HUGHES

MRS. J. L. HUGHES of Toronto, in replying, said that in few minutes after coming the dele-gates had been absorbed into the homes

shows that in it there is no burden. It does us all good to get away from our own trials, it gives a broadening feeling, as we are prone to think that our own little trials are all the trials that there are. When we go away we will go with regret. We will carry away with us pictures of your blue bay, your rockbound coasts, and beat of all thoughts of several lovable mothers and rosy cheeked daughters who have served us in their kindness of

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Ladies,—Since our last annual meeting the council has suffered a great loss in the resignation of Lady Taylor from the presidency—you all Join with me I know, in regretting that her health has obliged her to retire, especially as we were looking forward with pleasure to having her preside over us at this time when her great executive ability would materially aid us in the effective transaction of our business. When I received the information from Ottawa that the executive had elected me to fill the vacancy, I was much surprised, as I had never expected or looked for this honor, and did not feel that I could undertake the great responsibility of the position.

My first impulse was—much as I appreciated the distinction—to decline the office, and I would have done so had the executive not already adjourned, and only consented to accept to save confusion and trouble for the council. The cordial assistance given me by the executive and officers during my shorterm of office has, however, relieved me of much anxiety and encouraged me in my discharge of duty. May I venture to express here the hope that every member present at this annual meeting will do the utmost in her power to assist in forwarding the interests of the National Council of Women of Canada, and that the many important subjects to be brought before us will receive earnest and careful consideration. One of the most important of these is the financial question. It is a very pressing one, and some plan must be devised by which a unfacient annual income will be assured, for as the guarantee fund which was arranged by Lady Aberdeen explice shortly, the yearly revenue must be detained in other ways and by other means. Several suggestions have been made as to the best method to be adopted for raising the required amount and also for lessening the general enchances. These will be laid before you, and I hope a basis will be arrived at for a good financial position. Another important question to be discussed is whether we shall change our annual meeting of the co

The annual reports of the secretary and the treasurer will be presented, and they will furnish you with all information regarding the year's work. You will all have heard with much regret that our corresponding secretary is soon to leave us. Miss Wilson has been a most efficient officer; much of the success of the council work is due to her energy and ability, and I cannot but feel that it is most unfortunate that the council is to be deprived of the advantages of her experience and judgment.

As our programme of work is pre-

other, and in that spirit may all of our discussions proceed.

In expressing the pleasure which I feel in meeting friends whom I have met before and many whom I now meet for the first time, I may say that the pleasure is enhanced by the reflection that my first sreeting as president of this council is extended to you in a city which is my home, in which I trust you will have an agreeable sojourn, and from which you will carry away many delightful memories. Before the roll of delegates was called Miss Wilson said that the following changes on the programme had been made: The business session would be liefd this, Saturday and Monday mornings, and this afternoon's programme would be divided so that two of the papers would be read Tuesday afternoon.

LETTER FROM LADY ABERDEEN.
A letter from Lady Aberdeen conveying her greeetings and expressing her regret at not being able to be present was read by Mrs. Thomson. She requested her representative to oppose a change to bi-ennial or tri-ennial sessions. She opposed a change in the voting power making it in accordance with the number of members of the nationally, organized societies. Lady Aberdeen says that it will be with great interest that she will look forward to reading the report of the meetings. She spoke in terms of regret at the resignation of Lady Taylor, but referred with pleasure to the selection of Mrs. Thomson. Miss Wilson's resignation from the position of secretary was also deplored. The letter was received with applause. LETTER FROM LADY ABERDEEN

plause.
Miss Wilson read fraternal greetings from the National Council in Holland to the council here in session.
Mrs. Baxter of Seattle, vice-president

Miss Wilson, corresponding secretary, reported that as usual five executive meetings had been held in the year, in Loadon, Hamilton, Ottawe, Montral and St. John. A presidential committee was appointed to assist Lady Taylor, but later the executive was called upon to accept the resignation of Lady Taylor on account of all health. Mrs. Robert Thomson was unanimously elected to office and we were delighted to find her willing to accept. Other changes in the executive are: Mrs. Archibald has resumed the leadership of the Halifax local council; Mrs. Robertson, president of Nelson Council, has been replaced by Mrs. A. J. Stocks. The resignation of Lady Thompson as vice-president is announced. Lady Davies and Mrs. Boomer are also retiring. I have also to refer to my own resignation and express my heartfelt thanks for the support and encouragement I have received.

I have to report the affiliation of one new nationally organized society, namely the Canadian branch of the order of the Maccabees. We have five new life members Mrs. Massey-Harris, Miss J. B. Leamont, Mr. A. J. Hill, Mrs. C. A. Cox and Mrs. E. H. Bronson.

The cost of printing the annual report to the council is \$76.25.

The address presented to Queen alexandra was most graciously received and she replied as follows:

"Many assurances of loyalty and devotion have been tendered to His Majesty the king from all parts of the empire since his accession to the throne but none will have given him greater pleasure than those which are so kindly expressed in the address will always be treasured by His Majesty and myself, not only for the great artistic merit of the volume containing it, but especially for the loving references it makes to her late majesty Queen Victoria."

Later in the season an address was presented to the Duchesso of Cornwall to which she replied most graciously. In reference to standing committees Miss Wilson spoke especially of the successful work of the Ducheson for the continuance of the office at Toronto. Since the last annual meeting 2,450

has no reason to be discouraged, be the vice-president regretted that the She regretted that many towns faile the council. Mrs. Booner referred in detail to the work of Toronto, Hamil-

detail to the work of Toronto, Hamilton, Kingston, Ottawa, London, West Algoma and Rat Portage.

The adoption of this report was moved by Lady Taylor, who referred briefly to the splendid work done by Mrs. Boomer.

Boomer.

Lady Tilley, vice-president for New Brunswick reported that the record of the St. John council has been a good one. It numbers twently societies having gained the Associated Charities and Art Societies last year. Lady Tilley referred to the reception of the council in York Theatre by Lady Aberdeen and th active part taken in the work by Miss Frances B, Murray. The report referred to the establishment of a woman's surgical ward in the public hospital. Lady Tilley expressed the appreciation of the local council in the honor done it by the appointment of

appreciation of the local council in the honor done it by the appointment of Mrs. Robert Thomson, as president of the National Couriel.

'Ars. McNaughton of Montreal, read the report of the local council of that city. She reported that there were thirty-four affiliated societies. Reference was made to the pure milk depot, the domestic science, immigration and other departments of the council's work.

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Mrs. Baxter presented the report of
the British Columbia Council. Before
reading it she spoke concerning the
work done by Miss Perry the vice-president for that province. The Nelson
Council contemplates the erection of a
provincial hospital for consumption.
Other councils are also doing good

provincial hospital for consumption. Other councils are also doing good work.

No report was received from the Northwest Territories.

Mrs. Dennis of Halifax, reported briefly for that city. She said that the council there had not been quite as progressive or aggressive this year as usual, but considerable work is done in the different departments. Branches of cooking school which was started in Halifax are to be placed in other towns of the province.

Add Women's Council last.

The eport from Prince Edward Island was presented by Mrs. Alex Anderson. It referred in detail to the work done during the year.

These reports were received:

REPORT OF STANDING COM-

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The report of the committee on do-mestic science was presented by Mrs. Hoodless of Hamilton. She said this was the first meeting of thus commit-tee, as it was appointed last year. There was considerable lack of co-op-eration on the part of members of the

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In reporting to the National Council t is necessary to say that

In reporting to the National Councilit is necessary to say that of all the affiliated societies the Y. W. C. A. has done more for domestic science than any other. At the first annual meeting of the National Council a resolution was offered making manual training a platform of the council. Now manual training and domestic science go hand in hand. Hon, Mr. Ross of Ontario and Supt. McKay deserve much thanks from the council for the efforts on behalf of the establishment of schools of domestic science. The legislature of domestic science. The legislature of Nova Scotia gives the largest grant for this work of any country in the world. The committee on the custodial care of feeble minded women was presented by Mrs. Willoughby-Cummings. The session then adjourned until two o'clock.

His Worship the Mayor and Mrs. White make ideal host and hostess. Last night's reception was declared by the visiting delegates to be one of the most enjoyable functions they ever

attended.

The decoration of the reception room was done under the supervision of A.

O. Skinner.

The rooms of the Natural History Society will be open every afternoon during the week from four to six for the entertainment of the visiting delegates. Attendants will be present to explain the ornithological exhibit Friday; the minerology, Monday; geology. Tuesday: botany, Wednesday, and ethnology, Thursday.

Just before adjournment the committee which had to prepare a message to be sent to Lady Aberdeen reported that they had prepared the following: "Grateful Fraternal Greetings"—St. John.

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The ladies in charge of the dining room today are Mrs. J. M. Bobinson. Mrs. Hugh McLean, Mrs. J. R. Armstrong and Mrs. W. W. White.

Busses wil ttake the delegates to the picnic at Manchester's beach at 2.30 tomorrow afternoon, starting from York Theatre. Others can obtain busses on Charlotte street.

Miss McQuar, one of the delegates, represents the Ottawa Evening Journal and the New York Tribune.

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