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SAINT JOHN, TUESDAY MORNING, OCT. 26, 1909.

PREFERENCE AT THE TRADE CONGRESS.

Australian papers received give reports of the preferential debate in the chambers of commerce congress.

The Sydney Telegraph, which strongly opposes tariff reform in the preferential sense, has to admit that the result was a great victory for the tariff reformers, but finds consolation in the thought that the congress speaks only for one class. Supposing that the financial and commercial classes are in favor of this change, cal and commercial classes are in layor of this change, there remain the great body of the people, the artisans, the farmers, the laborers and others who have nothing to do with trade congresses, but will have a vote in the elections. The Sydney Telegraph has hope from these elections. The Sydney Telegraph has hope from these

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Against Preference.
Dewsbury,
Dumfermline,
Heckmondwike,
Kendal, Neutral. Bradford, Cleckheaton, Dover, Londonderry,

D. on two different kinds of meat. That would help Australia, Canada, and South Africa. Put 2s. a quarter on wheat and corn; that would assist Canada, Australia, recently handed over \$20,000 of five per cent. bonds, the and India. Put 1d. or even 2d. on rice. The result would as an honorarium to one or more would a \$2,000,000 or £10,000,000; the working man would it suffer, since one thing would equal the other; delivered before the affiliated branches of the institute. Increase the cargoes of tea from Ceylon; assist British investors in the Indian rice fields; increase trade between South Africa and Australia and Britain. Mr. Royse had said on the previous day that the trade of India with the Mother Country was greater than the combined trade of the four oversea colonies. This India with the Mother Country was greater than the combined trade of the four oversea colonies. This might have been true in 1900; but according to the Year-book of 1908, the trade of India in that year amounted to £96,000,000, while the total trade of the four self-governing colonies reached £147,000,000. (Cheers.) He suggested that the Governments of India. Africa, and Australia should agree to say that they were willing to increase the rates on preference to the Mother Country, this to be the basis for reciprocal tariff arrangements.

Mr. A. K. MacLean had a majority of 201 in Lunen-

The announcement is definitely made that A. K. acLean, M. P. for Lunenburg, will succeed the late Mr. tipes as Attorney General of Nova Scotia. There is a mijecture that this appointment includes the right of accession to the premiership when Mr. Murray becomes member of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's ministry. It is difficult to find a basis for the prediction of Sir Fred. Boroni's retirement. His recent vindication must be worse in useless, if he cannot remain in the cabinet with after staying so long without it. But if it was

If the Nova Scotia Government has any matters that need to be covered up, it will find the new Attorney General an expert in heading off investigations. He has had five years of crowded experience in the House of Comomns besides three years previous practice in the House of Assembly. Mr. MacLean was elected to Parliament in 1904. In his second session he was made chairman of the special committee appointed to investigate the picturesque bill of supplies for the first Arctic expedition. As chief justice of the court, he did a wholesale business in excluding evidence throughout the hearing, and wound up by giving the casting vote against calling a witness to testify to the proper price for pemmican. The Government had bought 8,000 pounds of this food at \$1.25 per pound, and L. C. Van Bever, of the Wm. Davis Company, the largest produ-If the Nova Scotia Government has any matters that was read in the House and has never been disputed. ...

Mr. MacLean's report found that the only thing done wrong by the Marine Department was the payment of a slightly excessive price for one order of tobacco. Since the civil service commission and Judge Cassils have been heard from, we get a fair idea of the value of that

This was not the only service that Mr. MacLean did the Marine Department in the way of postponing the exposure of its scandals. He was on hand when the attempts were made to conceal the price which Contractor Merwin paid for articles which he turned over to the Department at double prices. When Contractor Fal-coner farmed out a small army of New York bookkeepers on the department, charging the Government two to five times what he paid for the work, and producing a bill of more than \$40,000 for re-organizing th books, Mr. MacLean was persistent in objecting to evidence showing what the accountants were paid.

elections. The Sydney Telegraph has hope from these elements:

Two votes were taken, one in which delegates voted according to their individual preferences, the other as representing the chambers from which they brought to make a dot. Wickwire and other political and office are represented by a vote of St to 31. The vote by chambers was still more emphatic, standing 51 to eight. This an nouncement "provoked a loud burst of enthusiastic cheers. There was a section of 14 chambers recorded as meutral. These were the boards whose delegations were divided in sentiment and had no instruction. Six of these were Australian, one belonged to India, and the rest to the United Kingdom. The vote by chambers was as fillows:

For Preference. Aberdeen. Brisbane, Ashford, Canterbury, Ashford, Catrobury, The vote by chambers was a self-ord. Australasian (London), Cairns, Plackburn. Two votes were taken, one in which delegates voted according to their individual preferences, the other as revidence showing who were stockholders to the colorate stockholders to the colorate stockholders to the colorate to the contracting company, and what they paid for their the contracting company, and what they paid for their shares. As Mr. Wickwire and other political and off the mister got stock for nothing, and as the contracting company in the contract provided for the payment by Government of \$25.—It is now stated that the naval programme will be ready for presentation of title that the naval programme will obtain the manute of powernment of \$25.0 for machines which were made for \$64 each, the first of the contract provided for the payment by Government as to what amount will be absent for the preliment and the contracting company the the Atlantic Trading Company for \$25.0 for machines which were made for \$64 each, the first of the contract provided for the payment by Government of the first of the contract provided for the payment by Government of the regulation will be asked for the payment will be asked for the payment will be the adversal

ly possesses, which may be of greater service to the country, and more creditable to his own public record.

There is no doubt that he has capacity and it is believed that he has had the grace to be a little ashamed of his achievements as an obstructor. That last grace is apparently denied to the members for Pictou and Carleton.

ONE YEAR.

It is a year since the last Dominion election. great many things that were promised a little more than a year ago are not yet visible. Half the time has passed which the Minister of Public Works allowed for th completion of the Courtenay Bay works, the erection of warehouses, the arrival of the Grand Trunk Pacific of warehouses, the arrival of the Grand Trunk Pacific at this port, and the presence of ships of ten thousand tons taking and discharging cargo at the Grand Trunk Pacific wharves. Making due allowance for error and an over sanguine disposition, it might perhaps be expected that by this time a dredge would be at work, or at least that the surveys would be completed. But the matter stands just as it did at election time, except that people were boring and putting up little flags on the mud flats then, and they are not even doing that now.

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Premier McBride, of British Columbia, has had be part with two of his colleagues on his railway policy. Mr. Tatlow and Mr. Fulton do not agree with the programme of guaranteeing the bonds of the Canadian Northern, and both say that they are in complete accord Nottingham, Geelong, Wakefield, Fermantie.

Following is the Telegraph's report of the speech of one of the St. John delegates:

Mr. W. Frank Hatheway (St. John, N.B.) said it had been complained in the congress that nothing had been brought specially before delegates to show the kind of preference needed, and how it should be given. He would show how it could be done. A duty amounting to £5,000,000 was imposed on tea, and about £13,000,000 to £5,000,000 was imposed on tea, and about £13,000,000 to £10,000,000 to £10,000,000

that the working men in Great Britain would be saving that much money in the year. What then? Impose exactly the same amount in other directions. Put 1d, a bout among them giving the results of recent research. To this end Mr. James Loeb, a wealthy New York business. The founding of many local branches of the Arch-

Mr. A. K. MacLean had a majority of 201 in Lunenburg last year. His majority in 1904 was 452. The late Col. Kaulbach, Conservative, had carried the county in the three previous elections by majorities of 190, 85

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there.

Now Mr. Irwin has sold much of his farm and the balance of it, which includes the village of Shipton, will go at auction, together with all the live stock and machinery on the farm, excent the automobiles.

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mayed the wholesale dismissal of Gornment officials. Premier Mavrowhades yesterday called a council o which he summoned Colonel Zots, the leader of the league, think whom he conveyed an intimation the officers that unless they morated their extreme demands the Gornment would resign. The effect of is threat is an announcement in the ague's newspaper organ that all

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