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THE FISCAL FIGHT WAGES WITH INCREASED ARDOR.

BRITAIN'S STRUCCLE.

Relations Between Canada and the United States-Onslaughts Upon Protection Proposals Are Many.

London, Dec. 3.-The Scottish Cham er of Agriculture at Edinburgh yesterday agreed to ask Mr. Chamberlain to ddress a meeting upon the proposed

address a meeting upon the proposed fiscal changes, with special reference to agriculture. Mr. Chamberlain will be informed that the Chamber is not pledged to his proposals.

Mr. W. Davis of Birmingham, Secretary of the National Society of Amalgamated Brass Workers, has been selected as the Labor candidate to oppose Mr. Chamberlain in West Birmingham. Mr. Davis is considering the matter.

Mr. W. A. Long, M.P., speaking to the Metropolitan division of the National (Union of Conservative Associations vesterday, said a statesman holding Mr. Chamberlain's views was bound to put them before the country when he found the colonies were ready to meet us half-way to make the empire a sustaining whole, which ought to have been done many generations ago.

The Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress has issued a nanifesto, headed "Chamberlain's Mod-

manuesto, headed "Chamberlain's Mod-ern Fallacies With Regard to Working-men and Protection."

Mr. Haldane, M.P., speaking at Hull yesterday, said that free trade was the great factor in Great Britain's lead over the United States and Germany. Mr. Chamberlain has been forced, in his atest revised edition of his speeches, to atest revised edition of his ap-trike out the proposal he made to the colonies that they should give up the manufacturing competition with us. manufacturing competition with us The colonies are not taking the initia

The colonies are not taking the initiative on this question.

The Times prints a survey of the position of Canada in relation to the United States by Secretary Gosnell of the British Columbian bureau of information, in which he details the manful part taken by Canada in hewing out a pational structure of her own, and

ful part taken by Canada in hewing out a national structure of her own, and says he believes the stimulus of competition between the two countries will make Canada greater in the future than if they were funited.

Lord Coleridge, speaking at Wellingborough, yesterday said the introduction of protection would be the establishment of Tammany Hall in Britain.

The Chairman of an Agricultural Society in western Canada has written to the Cobden Club that Canadian support of Mr. Chamberlain comes from the eastern manufacturers.

WAR FEELING GROWING.

Japanese Favor an Ultimatum to Rus-

Tokio, Japan, Dec. 1—A meeting of the Shempolo members of the Diet today passed a resolution denouncing the Cabinet's dilatory foreign policy and recording the opinion that peace in the far east demands the evacuation of Manchuria and the opening of the principal ports there. Popular feeling is increasingly in favor of the speedy despatch of an ultimatum to Russia, but the Japanese Government is calm and confident.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 3.—Inquiry has been made at the Foreign Office here respecting the announcement from Paris that a basis for an agreement between Russia and Japan has been reached. It was impossible to secure any confirmation beyond the statement that a mutual desire for peace exists. Russia's reply to the latest Japanese proposals when framed will not be in the nature of an ultimatum, but it may lead to counter proposals. It is possible that the end may be a new Russo-Japanese treaty covering Corea.

The Russian armored cruiser Bayan and the battleship Tsarevitch arrived at Port Arthur to-day. These are the two vessels which it was reported a Tokio, Japan, Dec. 3-A meeting of

at Port Arthur to day. These are the two vessels which it was reported a short time ago that a part of the Japanese fleet had been despatched to

MR, MILLER TAKES HOLD.

New Railroad Expert of Manufacturers' Association.

ers' Association.

Toronto, Dec. 3. — Mr. W. H. D. Miller, who was appointed to take charge of the railway bureau of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, has taken up the duties of his new office. After sixteen years' experience with the Canadian Pacific Railway, fourteen years of which were in the freight department, Mr. Miller is expected to do a great deal towards unravelling the difficulties which so frequently arise between individual manufacturers and the railway companies with respect to freight rates. While Mr. Miller will go into the question of freight tariffs generally, he will also be in a position to investigate particular complaints that may be made.

COLOMBIA HAS LOST. The Panama Canal Treaty Signed at

Panama City. Washington, Dec. 3 .- The State De-Washington, Dec. 3.—The State Department has received a message from Panama City saying that the proper officials, in the presence of Admiral Walker and other United States representatives, signed the Hay-Herran treaty, giving the United States sovereign rights over the Panama Canal strip, the termini and the islands therein.

New Life Saver.

Copenhagen, Dec. 3.—A successful trial of the Doenvig life-saving globes has been made at Skaw on the dangerous north jutland coast during a storm. After a trial had been made with a ballasted buoy the inventor, Captain Doenvig, with four other persons, entered a buoy which was launched from the cruiser Heimdal. It successfully cleared the breakers and shoals and drifted safely ashors.

COUNTY COUNCIL

Continued From First Page. The Council resum d Thursday morning with the Warden in the

the chair.

H. J. French presented the report of the special bridge committee re Long's Creek bridge. The report was the same as the one presented on Tuesday except that the amount, \$30.25, paid to W. G. McGeorge, the surveyor, and the \$3.50 paid Wells & Company were added to the cost of the bridge. These amounts were added to give an opportunity of collecting half these amounts from the County of Lambton.

On motion of Mr. French, seconded by Mr. Sturg's, the report was adopted.

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It was moved by Mr. French, seconded by Mr. Sturgs, that all societies receiving a grant from the County Council showing their standing.

The motion carried.

Mr. Channick gave notice that he would move a resolution calling the attention of the C. P. R. Company to an agreement made in 1902.

It was moved by Mr. Ross, seconded by Mr. Vester, that this Council grant the sum of \$200 to Romney to assist in repairing the County townline between the Township of Romney and Mersea on condition that Essex County or Mersea Township meet the grant with an equal that Essex County or Mersea Township meet the grant with an equal amount and that Warden Robinson be commissioned to expend the same.

Referred to Roads and Bridges. It was moved by Mr. Reyeraft, seconded by Mr. Handy, that in the opinion of this Council the securing of a stenographer for facilitating the taking of evidence before the Courts as at present the whole of the evidence has to be written down by the preseding judge, thereby pro-

the evidence has to be written down by the presiding judge, thereby pro-longing the sittings of the several Court sessions at great expense to this County, be it therefore resolv-ed that the Warden be instructed to take steps as soon as possible for the securing of a suitable per-son for the position.

This motion was laid over till the

afternoon.

Mr. French moved, seconded by Mr. McCoy, that Mr. Siftoh be empowered to send Thomas King, of Zone, provisionally to the House of Refuge, and that Zone be notified that he was there at that Townshirls or the second of the second ship's expense.

TO TAX THE RAILWAYS. Warm Discussion With Farmers' Representatives.

Toronto, Dec. 3. - The cipal rival interests affected by the Pettypiece bill, the railways and the farmers, occupied the entire day in a battle royal before the special Assessment Committee of the Legislature yesterday. A score or more repre-sentative members of the Farmers' Association of Ontario were heard in support of the bill, and three solicitors for railways against it. The forces were well matched in preparation of the case, and the rural delegates, backed by the committee, gave the railway representatives a hard day of it. The discussion indicated a general teeling for higher taxes from the railways, though the full principles of the bill may not be accepted.

The bill provides for the creation of a Provincial board of three assessors, which shall assess all the real and personal property, and fragelies of steam

which shall assess all the real and personal property and franchises of steam railways, electric, railways, telegraph and telephone companies. This board of assessors shall, by statistics obtained from municipal clerks, ascertain the average rate of taxation levied on all other kinds of property throughout the Province, and shall levy this average rate upon railways and telephone and telegraph companies. The taxes, thus collected, after paying the costs of collection, are to be divided into two parts, one part to go to the Provincial treasury and the other part to be distributed among the municipalities according to population. The proportion to go respectively to the Provincial treasury and the other part to be distributed among the municipalities according to population. The proportion to go respectively to the Province and to the municipality is left blank in Mr. Pettypiece's bill.

When the Committee opened yesterday morning Mr. J. Lockie Wilson of Alexandria, President of the Farmers' Association, was introduced by Mr. W. L. Smith as the head of the delegation from that body. Mr. Wilson said there were representatives present from the Farmers' Association, the Fruit-growers' Association, and twenty or thirty municipalities. Had they had longer notice they could have had representatives present from 500 nunicipalities.

Mr. I. F. Helmuth K.C., and Mr. Angus Macmurchy here rose and said they appeared for the railway interests. sonal property and franchises of stea

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chestra—Jan. 1.

(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents.) MERCHANT OF VENICE. This (Thursday) Evening.

Mesers, Fletcher and Stronach, in presenting Mr. Elmer Buffham in a production of "The Merchant of Venice," feel that they are offering to the public a long felt want. Each year the demand for the best in theatricals grows stronger and stronger.

Mr. Buffham is not an unknown or untried quantity in the dramatic world. His excellent work some two or three years ago is well remembered in a round of Shakespearian chared in a round of Shakespearian character, and the year following, he delighted the theatre-going public with his artistic work in "The prisoner of Zenda." Mr. Buffham is peculiarly adapted for the character of Shylock. His excellent voice lending itself to the beauty of the Shakespearian verse, while his intensity and splendid character delineation will be given full scoop.

Messrs. Fletcher and Stronach have provided their star with a superb scenic production on this master work, and surrounded him with a competent company of players, each one being especially engaged for his or her particular part. The costumes are all entirely new and historically accurate, no means being spared to make this a notable event of the present season.

on.
One of the most important features of this production is the incidental and choral music. It has all been composed especially for Mr. Buffham by Mr. George Fletcher, one of the foremost composers of the day.
At the Grand to-night!

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Toronto, Dec. 3. - Judge Win-chester has handed out judgment in the appeal of the Metroagainst the finding of the Court of Re wision. The question at issue was whether or not the interest on municical debentures was subject to taxation as income. His Honor held that it was not and in view of the many millions of municipal debentures representing the municipal debentures representing the municipal debentures. The finding applies also to the interest on Government bonds.

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