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THE LATE JUDGE MABEE. THE late Judge Mabec, who died on Monday at Toronto, was doing quietly and unostentatiously a work of great value and importance to Canada. In the whole world there is nothing exactly like the Railway Commission of Canada. Its powers are almost autocratic and limited chiefly by its own sense of justice and public interest. Judge Mabec was an ideal chairman for such a commission and enjoyed the confidence of the railway men and the public generally, to a high degree. The commission gets through an immense deal of work with little of fuss and feathers. Judge Mabec will be very much missed and will be hard to replace.

ANGLO-GERMAN RELATIONS. IT is announced that Baron Von Biberstein is to be appointed German Ambassador to London. The appointment is declared to be a demonstrative manifestation of the Kaiser's desire for friendship with Great Britain and it is declared that if the baron fails to establish cordial relations, there will be a disposition in Berlin to believe that eventually hostilities will be inevitable. But as Von Biberstein is the man who inspired the celebrated Kruger telegram, which was the cause of deep resentment in Great Britain, it is a little difficult to see why his presence in London should be regarded as essential to an Anglo-German entente cordiale.

AMERICAN IMMIGRATION INTO CANADA. MR. W. J. White, Canadian Inspector of Immigration Agencies in the United States, estimates that the total immigration from over the border this year will be 170,000 as against 133,000 last year. The rapid growth of the Canadian west means a proportionate development in Eastern Canada and especially in Montreal. One of the best immigration agents Canada has in the United States is Mr. Champ Clark, whose frantic appeals to his countrymen not to go to the Dominion he is so anxious to annex, has called attention to the steady northward trek of the farmers of the Western States, and has impressed hundreds of thousands of American citizens with the keen realization that there is more money to be made by emigrating than by staying at home.

ULSTER. UNTIL lately the ministerialist coalition in the British Parliament has shown a disposition to sneer at the opposition in Ulster to Home Rule and especially at the idea of armed resistance. Now, however, the Lord Lieutenant has issued a requisition to the local authorities for an immediate return of names of all officers and non-commissioned officers, active or retired, who are engaged in drilling the members of the clubs and Orange lodges, and the men in the factories and ship-yards.

While this is by no means evidence that the country is within measurable distance of civil war, taken in connection with Premier Asquith's admission regarding the prevailing industrial unrest, it goes to show that dangerous conditions are accumulating in the old country. The crisis will come whenever the government thinks it worth while to suppress the hostile activities in Ulster.

IMPERIAL CONSULAR SERVICE. THE Council of the Montreal Board of Trade has appointed the following delegates to the Eighth Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire: Messrs. Robert W. Reford, president; Huntley R. Drummond, first vice-president; Lieut.-Col. Jeffrey H. Burland, Messrs. Hugh A. Allan, W. M. Botsford, Geo. E. Drummond, and Geo. Hadrill, secretary.

The question of securing closer co-operation of the British consuls and the colonial trade agents was discussed and the delegates were instructed to submit the following resolution to the Congress:

"That the British Consular system might with advantage to the Empire as a whole, be so enlarged and adapted as to better serve the commercial interests of the Overseas Dominions, whilst in no way diminishing its value to Great Britain.

"That this might be effected by a fuller identification of the commercial interests of the Dominion with those of Great Britain so far as regards the gathering and dissemination of commercial information by the Consular Service and the closer co-operation of the service with trade agents appointed by the Dominions.

"That this Congress, therefore, prays the Imperial Government to enter into communication with the governments of the Dominions with a view of concordant and co-operative action in establishing a Consular Service, which in commercial matters, shall be truly Imperial."