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IMPERIAL RECIPROCITY.

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into Canada through Canadian ports. That would be
into Canada through Canadian ports. That would be
a substantial evidence that they desired to bring Candada and the Mother Country closer together, and to
build up Canadian ports by giving them business
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least indicate that the Conservatives wish to offer some"thing more than lip service to the Empire. It
"ogo on and extend the preference already given, but,
in all fairness, they have added the provise that Great
Britain must see her way to give in return some commercial advantage over foreign nations in the markets of the
Mother Country. Mr. Foster, speaking as Minister of
Trade and Commerce, at Toronto, on April 10 last, clearly
defined the attitude of the Government. "The fiscal
"Reciprocity between Canada and the West Indies," he
said, "will be followed by closer trade relations with
"Australia and all the other British Dominions, in the
"firm conviction that ultimately the Mother Country will
"find it in her interest to enter an Imperial trade system
and reciprocate the preference already given, but,
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ach pride from Washington, and which the Laurier Govcorrespondence between Mr. Taft and Mr. Roosevelt, to obliterate from our minds all thoughts of the Scheme that obliterate from our minds all thoughts of the Scheme that sheen in operation for a little while. Labrador will Below.

Commenting on the possibilities of the far North the York that the for entering than Victoria Colinist recalls that Dr. Grenfell told a Montreal audience a few days ago that Labrador will grow everything except wheat. At least he said that was his opinion, but he added that we will know more certainly after the experimental stations to be established have been in operation for a little while. Labrador will Below.

"goods brought into Canada through Canadian ports."
In all questions relating to a change in tariffs the principle of fair play for both parties concerned enters largely into the considerations. In the Reciprocity Agreement it was patent to the Canadian people that Canada they set on assuming office offering Great Britain an increase in a one-sided Preference will carry no weight under such circumstances. It may further be painted out that the principle of the considerations and the principle of fair play for both parties concerned enters largely into the considerations. In the Reciprocity Agreement it was patent to the Canadian people that Canada through the principle of the Borden Government for not immediately on assuming office offering Great Britain an increase in a one-sided Preference will carry no weight under such circumstances. It may further be painted out that is the case, the discovery of minerals may be looked for with confidence. The rivers of this peninsula are large and capable of furnishing a great deal of power, a large and capable of furnishing a great deal of power, a large and capable of furnishing a great deal of power, a large and capable of furnishing a great deal of power, a large and capable of furnishing a great deal of power, a large and capable of furnishing a great deal of power, a large and capable of furnishing a great deal of power, a large and capable of furnishing a great deal of power, a large and capable of furnishing a great deal of power, a large and capable of furnishing a great deal of power, a large and capable of furnishing a great deal of power, a large and capable of furnishing a great deal of power, a large and capable of furnishing a great deal of power, a large and capable of furnishing a great deal of power, a large and capable of furnishing a great deal of power, a large and capable of furnishing a great deal of power, a large and capable of furnishing a great deal of power, a large and capable of furnishing a great deal of power.

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Government alone dissenting. The representatives of the Dominions also passed a resolution at this Conference asking Great Britain to give some preference, however amail in the existing list of duties; that is they asked that the British Government should reduce the present duties on tea, sugar and other articles of food which the Colonies sent to the Old Country, while continuing to Colonies sent to the Old Country, while continuing to charge the same duty as before on the tea, sugar, etc., sent to Great Britain by foreign countries. The British Covernment refused to consider this suggestion.

At the Imperial Conference of 1911 a resolution was

per cent.

South Africa (Cape Colony and Natal) has given a preference of about 25 per cent.

New Zealand has given a preference of about 10 per

ernment for not increasing the preference, it would be well for organs of the Opposition to recall the statement of Mr. Flelding in his budget speech in 1904. He said: "The two great political parties in Canada are practically a unit in favor of Preferential Trade. As, however, the question has become one of party controversy in England, the Canadian Government naturally does not feel free to take any part in it." It is noteworthy that Mr. Fielding saw no reason during his long term as Finance Minister to change his views or increase the preference extended to Great Pittain. The feverish anxiety which is now being shown to divert attention from the Reciprocity flasco will be well understood. The Government at Ottawa today can safely be trusted to lose no opportunity when occasion arises to further the policy of mutual trade preference within the Empire which Mr. Borden has consistently advocated.

In the meantime Canada and the sister Dominions have given convincing evidence of the faith which is in them. They have not merely offered but have given no response. In addition to these gifts of preferences canada and the other Dominions have also made an offer

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on assuming office offering Great Britain an increase in a one-sided Preference will carry no weight under such circumstances. It may further be pointed out that the proposal to increase the Preference to British goods brought into Canada through Canadian ports involves in brurledly put in operation by any Government.

A brief reference to the existing situation as it presents itself to the Overseas Dominions may not be out of place. The Asquith Government and their Free Trade supporters in Great Britain have received every proposal

#### "AN AMAZING INDISCRETION."

spirit of uncompromising hostility. They will take all that the self-governing colonies will give in the way of concessions but offer nothing in return. The records of the Imperial Conferences illustrate this point.

At the Imperial Conference of 1902 the following resolution was unanimously passed by the Prime Ministers of all the self-governing Dominions: "That the Prime Winlisters of all the self-governing Dominions: "That the Prime "Ministers of the Colonies respectfully urge on His "Majesty's Government the expediency of granting in "the United Kingdom preferential freatment to the pro-

#### Current Comment

(Montreal Star.)

At the Imperial Conference of 1911 a resolution was adopted recommending the appointment of an Imperial Commission to Investigate and report "apon the natural "resources of each part of the Empire, the development "attained and attainable, and the facilities for product "tion, manufacture and distribution, the trade of each "part with the others and with the outside world, the "food and raw material requirements of each and the "sources thereof available; to what extent, if any, "the trade between each of the different parts has been "affected by existing legislation in each, either bene-"ficially or otherwise."

In the terms of reference to this Royal Commission, which were announced by Mr. Lewis Harcourt, the Colonial Secretary in the House of Commons last month, the Government order excludes the fiscal question from forming any part in the enquiry. A writer in the Aberdeen Dally Journal well expresses the situation. "It is pretty much a question," he says, "of playing Hamlet and leaving out the part of the Prince of Denmark."

Enough has been quoted to show that neither Canada nor any other of the Overseas Dominions can expect any preferential concessions from the Free Trade Government which at present controls the destinies of the Mother Country. It will be of interest in this connection to briefly set out the preference already given by the self-governing Colonies to Great Britain and which are now in operation:

Canada has given a preference equivalent to 23 1-3

(Lestie's Weekly.)

The average man has "ingredients" to make fat for seven bars of soap, iron for a medium-sized nail, sugar to fill a small bowl, sait to fill a shaker, lime to whitewash a chicken coop, phosphorus to make 2,200 match tips, magnesium for a dose of magnesia, sodium to neutralize a pint and a half of water, potassium to explode a toy cannon, sulphur to rid a dog of fleas, and albumenoids to make a case of eggs.

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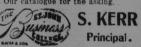
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#### 9000 LIVES LOST

LITTLE less than two weeks ago humanity was stunned and horrified at the news that 1,600 human beings had lost their lives in a gigantic shipwreck. At that time The North American pointed out that the men, women and children who went down in the Titanic were sacrificed to a vicious principle which numbers its victims by the hundareds of thousands yearly. The world was horrified by the Titanic disaster because so many persons lost their lives at one time and in one place. It added only a small percentage to the yearly total of preventable deaths

Before the Titanic wreck occurred The Equitable Life Assurance Society, one of the largest financial corporations in the world, had put out a circular addressed to the people of this city. In this circular the Equitable company asks: ."If it were known that 9,000 lives were to be destroyed, say, on the 20th-day of next month, what would happen?" The 9,000 lives to which The Equitable Life Assurance Society refers are the lives of the 9,000 persons who every year in this city are destroyed by preventable disease.

The statistics are those of the director of health and charities. So this city, which was so immeasurably shocked by the 1,600 deaths in the Titanic, sees more than five times that number of her own ditzens killed every year by disease which it is just as much the duty of the community to stamp out as was the duty of the White Star Line to provide proper safeguards for the lives on its marvelous ship.

The White Star Line assumed that its ship was unsinkable; that every precaution against loss of life had been taken. Thus, this community in common with nearly all other communities, assumes that every measure against preventable disease has been taken.

But we have really only made a beginning. The death rate has been reduced 29 per cent, in twenty-five years. There are living today 8000 persons who would have died within the last twelve months if the death rate of 1885 had prevailed.

But with 9000 persons dying of preventable disease, we have provided lifeboats for less than half the ship's company. And these figures do not take into consideration the many deaths from preventable accidents in in-

The Equitable points out that 3000 persons die in this city yearly of tuberculosis of the lungs, "because we permit careless or ignorant victims of the disease to spread the poisonous bacilli throughout the city.

The importance of pure food in the battle for public health is emphasized by the life insurance company's appeal. It says:

The other day ten tons of spoiled eggs were seized by the government inspectors in a neighboring city. The mess was so full of bacteria that it killed rabbits and guinea pigs when injected into their veins, and yet the owners fought to sell it to small bakeshops and restaurants.

In another city several dealers were recently punished for selling putrid pork and chickens among the cheap restaurants and the poorer class of neonle.

Do you realize the danger to the public health from this one alone?

And do you know that the great city of Philadelphia has but seven in-ctors to watch over 8000 meat ships? Do you know that only twenty-five of your 175 slaughter houses are un-government inspection?

The one pure food agent which the State maintains in your city states that he is engaged in a constant struggle against those who are trying to sell you infected and injurious food.

Is it not worth while to give these lifesavers of yours sufficient help and support to enable them to protect you efficiently against such dangers?

The business of the Equitable Life Assurance Society is to inst The business of the Equitable Life Assurance Society is to fisure lives. High death rate means loss of revenue and reduction of profits. So with enlightened selfishness, the Equitable is endeavoring to stimulate interest in the problems of health and sanitation. The Equitable wants people to avoid illness and to enjoy length of days. With the Equitable it isn't merely a humane interest. It is strictly business. To the Equitable saving lives means saving money.

this of the community. Every like has a money value to society. A definite economic loss is suffered every time an individual who might have been saved dies. A State is rich according to the number of its citizens willing and able to make a living. And yet this is not any more true of a life insurance so

And aside from the productive power of the individual which the community loses when the individual dies, there are the direct expenses accruing from illness, funerals and other charges.

The enlightened selfishness of powerful financial interes's like the Equitable is a hopeful sign. It presages the spread of such enlightened selfishness among other great corporations, with their prodigious influence in public affairs. It promises that the community itself will some day be inspired by the same kind of selfishness.

At that time the 9,000 lives wasted by preventable disease will be At that time the 1,000 lives wasted by preventable disease will be saved. But that will be only the beginning. Victims of diseases not now classed as preventable will be redeemed. Industrial slaughter will be stopped. Social influences that dwarf children in body, make for feeblemindedness and create criminals and paupers, will be wiped our.

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