Mr. Borden To Electors

Leader of Conservative Party Issues an Address to People.

Brief Outline of Platform Framed on Canada for the Canadians.

Trade Within the Empire Preferable to Foreign Aggrandizement.

Montreal, Oct. 25.—The leader of the Conservative party, Mr. R. L. Borden, has issued the following message:

TO THE PEOPLE OF CANADA.

Parliament is now dissolved and political parties must submit themselves, their actions and their policy to the judgment of the people.

Since my election to the leadership of the Liberal-Conservative party, it has been my privilege to address audiences in every province and territory of the Dominion, the Yukon excepted, and with my colleagues to discuss in parliament many subjects affecting the public weal. Our policy has been clear, defined and consistent, the same in every quarter, alike to every class.

The records of parliament show where we land on the public questions which have been before the country since the last election. These cannot all be discussed in this message, but in regard to some of the principal issues involved in this contest I submit, in a few words, the platform on which we appeal for your judgment.

The subject of most immediate concern is the transcontinental railway. Having regard to the enormous obligations which would be imposed upon the people by the government's rash transcontinental projects, to the certainty that its adoption by you would shut our for a century government ownership of railways, to the vital importance of controlling our own traffic and commerce, this question is the most momentous and far-reaching that has ever before been submitted to the electorate of Canada. We demand the best and most economical transportation. We know that the people are willing to provide generously whatever money may be necessary for the development of the Dominion, and our policy is to extend and improve its transcontinental facilities both by land and water. But we insist that what the people pay for the people should own and control, that public money should be used for Canada and for the people and not to promote the trade and wealth of foreign ports.

We fully realize the country's need for increased facilities in transportation. Efficient service and reasonable rates must be assured. While utilizing the public credit for these purposes we must thoroughly guard against the diversion of our trade into the hands of foreign competitions.

The government proposes to impose liabilities amounting to at least $150,000,000 for the construction of a transcontinental railway under conditions which absolutely fail to safeguard our national interests. The important and immediately profitable western division is to be owned and the whole is to be absolutely controlled by a corporation interested in diverting our trade away from our own ports. We oppose to this our progressive policy of constructing the new transcontinental railway as a public work to be owned and controlled by the people and to remain a national highway in the truest sense. I beg you to clearly understand that it is still open to you to decide whether this shall be done. Do not be misled by any assertions to the contrary. We affirm that the management of the Intercolonial railways and other railways operated by the government should be freed from partisan interference and from party political control.

We also confirm the necessity of thoroughly equipping our national ports and of developing and extending our system of canals and inland waterways. The principles upon which Sir John A. Macdonald based his fiscal policy in 1878 guides us today. We maintain and we will develop that policy for the advancement of the whole Dominion. It is a stable policy avowed openly without reserve. It is a practical business policy adjustable to the needs of the time. Our aim is so to apply it for the common good of the people and for the conservation of the Canadian market for the Canadian producers, that honest industry and every legitimate calling may receive a just reward that the toiler may enjoy in his own and full employment under conditions which ensure a just wage, that capital may be attracted to and may be safely invested in our industries, that articles and commodities required for the use of our people may be produced as far as is reasonably possibly in this country. We believe that any of our markets, by means of reciprocity trade arrangements, should be sought among those within the Empire, who are our chief customers, rather than in foreign countries. A preference for our products in British markets would lead to an immediate and enormous development of our resources. Such a preference the Conservative party will endeavor to obtain on favorable terms.

In making appointments to public offices we shall place personal character and capacity above considerations of party service, and such additional safeguards will be provided as may be found necessary for the full protection of the public treasury. More efficient means will be devised to guard against corrupt practices at elections and to protect the electorate from fraudulent devices by which the will of the people has been so often thwarted and the name of Canada degraded. Inspired with an abiding faith in the justice and wisdom of our policy, and with an earnest confidence that it will prevail, we now submit it for your consideration, believing that it merits, and that it will receive, your approval.

(Signed) ROBERT L. BORDEN.

FRUIT PACKING.

Demonstration to Be Given Before Metchosin Farmers' Institute.

A supplementary meeting of the Metchosin Farmers' Institute is appointed to take place at the public hall, Metchosin, on Wednesday next, when demonstrations in fruit packing will be given at 1:30 in the afternoon by Mr. W. C. Grant; and in the evening at 7:30 addresses will be made by Mr. Grant and Mr. T. A. Bryden on the fruit question generally.

In view of the prominence that this question has lately assumed and the consequent renewed interest awakened it is expected that there will be a large attendance of local people to witness the latest methods of fruit packing, which Mr. Grant is well qualified to illustrate. Regulation sized boxes in the knock-down shape will be provided, so that demonstrations will be made from putting the boxes together, grading and packing fruit of any size so as to fit the box to pailing it up ready for shipment.

All interested in fruit raising are cordially invited to attend.

ERMAK DAMAGED.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Oct. 24.—The Russian ice-breaker Ermak has arrived in the roads with her stern damaged.

KUROPATKIN PROMOTED.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 25.—An imperial ukase, dated October 27, appoints General Kuropatkin commander-in-chief of the Russian army.

ACUTE STAGE ALREADY PASSED

Washington, Oct. 25.—A cablegram received at the state department today from Spencer Eddy, the American charge of embassy at St. Petersburg, stated that the Russian government had received the protest of the British government against the action of the second Pacific squadron in firing upon the British North sea fishing fleet. Mr. Eddy added that the foreign office was preparing a reply. It is believed here that the acute stage of this incident has already passed and that it will surely yield to the methods of diplomacy.

MUST REACH HARBIN.

Japanese Will Not Discuss End of War Until Siberian City Is Reached.

Rome, Oct. 25.—The Svampa today published an interview with the Japanese minister here, who is quoted as saying that, before the Japanese can discuss the end of the war or the conquest of Manchuria, their troops must reach Harbin, which is far away considering the exhaustion of the troops. Still, Japan is ready for peace, as she is feeling the horrors of the butchery and catastrophies of war. But the peace condition which she would demand today would be quite different from those which would have satisfied her ten months ago.

News Of Winnipeg And Vicinity

Peripatetic Bankers Relieved of Cash Box by Bold Highway-Men.

A Hunter's Tragic Death—Fatally Gored by a Savage Bull.

Winnipeg, Oct. 24.—The Bank of Hamilton clerks were robbed of $2,000 in cash today in going from Plum Coulee, to Winkler village. The bank is kept open on alternate days at these villages, and the bankers were returning from Plum Coulee with the day's proceeds when two armed masked men appeared from a clump of bushes, and ordered "hands up." The cashbox was demanded and after securing it and taking out the valuables the men escaped in a southerly direction. The police and detectives are on their track.

John Gowan, a prominent resident of Westbourne, was found yesterday in a steam launch in the river near the village with his seven-year-old child beside him crying bitterly. The gun had been discharged accidentally and killed the man while the child drifted in the boat helplessly. A widow and eight children survive.

John Wienal was probably fatally gored by a bull on his farm at Portage creek near Portage la Prairie, and his wife was seriously injured. He was passing through the enclosure when the animal became vicious and attacked him. He was rescued by a neighbor, who shot the animal. Mrs. Welnal in the meantime had attempted to rescue her husband, striking the bull with a spade.

While tightening a brake on a box car Augustus Dupreau, an employee at one of the elevators at Fort William, Sunday, was thrown to the track and two carwheels passed over his body killing him instantly. Although a very young man deceased was well known in Fort William, having lived there since boyhood.

James Seely, a prominent Mormon sheep raiser in Southern Alberta, is on trial at Lethbridge charged with stealing 1,200 sheep belonging to B. Grote. It is claimed the missing flock strayed into Seely's bunch, but the latter claims he bought them from Grote, another sheepman. He was let out on bail until Friday.

Dr. William Rostern Sask. lost his house and stables, grain and horses by fire today; loss $3,000.

The opening of the new Main street subway to the Canadian Pacific trains took place Saturday evening amid tooting of whistles, red fire and the cheers of the workmen. The cost was $150,000, and it is a beautiful piece of work.

During September 2,020 homesteads were taken up, being an area of 324,000 acres.

Charles Watts, an engineer for Severenton's threshing outfit at Carberry had his jaw broken by the cylinder head which blew out today.

SCENTS TROUBLE IN THE FAR NORTH

Col. Gregory Convinced Something Must Be Wrong in Yukon District.

A little group of electors assembled at Semple's hall, Victoria West, yesterday evening for the purpose of listening to arguments which might be advanced in the interests of the candidature of George Riley, the candidate in the Liberal interests for the Commons. Dr. Lewis Hall occupied the chair and the orators for the evening were the candidate, Mr. Riley, S. M. O'Kell, Senator Templeman and Colonel F. B. Gregory. The latter gentlemen was the star speaker of the evening, the others who were heard not occupying very much time in asserting their belief that Mr. Riley is the man who should be elected on November 3rd.

Colonel Gregory touched on all the issues from Sir Hibbert Tupper's monstrous crime in drawing his mileage and sessional indemnity to the carnival of corruption which has made the name of Yukon stink in the nostrils of respectable Canadians.

Colonel Gregory touched on all the made a very important admission—for a Liberal. He said he for one believed that something was wrong in the Yukon, something that should be investigated. He did not believe one-tenth of the stories that had been told respecting alleged corruption, still it was plain to be seen that something was wrong and that affairs in the Yukon were not being administered as they should be. There were many temptations before officials in the Yukon, good men had fallen from grace there in the past; but if on investigation it was found that departmental officials had been guilty of wrong-doing they should be punished, and no doubt they would be as soon as the matter could be looked into by the government at Ottawa. The advantages of preferential trade were gone into exhaustively by the colonel and in this connection he announced that he had requested Senator Templeman to obtain from the Dominion statistician a statement showing how Victoria and British Columbia had benefited under the system. A telegram had been received in reply giving the figures and it was therein stated that Victoria had benefited to the extent of $296,500, and the province to the extent of $752,000. The Grand Trunk Pacific contract, the rush of immigrants into the northwest, the growth of Canadian trade, and the circumstance that Providence appeared to be on the side of the Liberals were all touched on in turn, disposed of satisfactorily and 10:45 car taken for home.

Settlement Is Delayed

Diplomatic Procedure Retards Adjustment of North Sea Outrage.

In Spite of Bitter Feeling no Outbreak Occurs in London.

Popular Appreciation of King Edward's Manly Words Is Manifested.

London, Oct. 25.—The inevitable delays of diplomatic procedure appear to retard a complete and satisfactory settlement of the acute differences between Great Britain and Russia arising from the deplorable North sea affair.

King Edward has received from Emperor Nicholas himself a cablegram expressing the deepest regret and practical acknowledgment that England's note will meet with a reply concerning every demand for apology for the act of aggression against the British flag, compensation for sufferers and punishment of the offenders responsible for what is everywhere considered to have been a blunder, and the Russian ambassador to the court of St. James has expressed to Foreign Minister Lansdowne his sympathy.

These developments, which came late in the day, have allayed, to some extent, the deep resentment in the public mind, and the admiralty tonight gave evidence of its appreciation of the necessity of proving that it is prepared to actively support the people of Great Britain and fulfil the expectations of the world when it issued the following statement:

"On receipt on October 24 of the news of the North sea tragedy, preliminary orders for mutual support and operation were issued, as a measure of precaution, from the admiralty to the Channel and Mediterranean and Home fleets."

The day has been one of the busiest in recent years in diplomatic circles here. The Russian ambassador, who only reached London shortly before midnight Monday, was an early caller at Lansdowne House and had a long interview with Lord Lansdowne, after which the foreign minister went down and conferred with Premier Balfour and others, and for the rest of the day was occupied with a mass of matter pertaining to the affair. Almost momentarily the public expected some definite statement of an official nature, but late this evening the foreign office announced that no further statement would be issued tonight.

It is understood that this is because it is considered that it would be unwise, in the present state of public feeling, to make any proclamations in view of Great Britain's announcement to Russia that the matter would not brook delay. Count Benckendorff, the Russian ambassador, was occupied until late today at the embassy with a mass of cipher despatches, and it was announced that it would be physically impossible to prepare a formal reply in such a short time.

While Great Britain is stirred to its depths, there has not been even slight evidence of a repetition of the rowdyism of last night, which is condemned on all sides. The suggestion that Ambassador Benckendorff's visit to Lansdowne House instead of to Downing street, was due to fears of mob violence, is indignantly denied at the foreign office and at the embassy. In fact there was not the slightest sign of any gathering of a hostile crowd at the foreign office, though the police precautions were most thorough. Count Benckendorff referred to the incident of last night as trivial and did not appear to consider it worth noticing.

Popular appreciation of the situation, however, was evident when King Edward appeared in public today. He was greeted with more than usual enthusiasm on account of the decided tone of his telegram to the mayor of Hull on Monday.

The speeches of members of the cabinet and of the House of Commons today in different parts of the country, voiced the sentiments of Great Britain and the spirit in which the utterances were met shows that, for the moment, party differences have been laid aside and that the country is behind the government. Lord Selborne, at the Pilgrims' banquet tonight, denounced the Dogger bank affair in the most outspoken terms yet heard from a member of the cabinet, as being an "inexcusable outrage" and a "terrible blunder which would be impossible in either the British or the United States navy."

Colonial Secretary Lyttleton, too, in another place, spoke in plain terms, saying that it was impossible to view the affair as other than the result of "murderous intention or of wicked negligence."

The postmortem examination of the bodies of the victims of the Dogger bank affair was held today at Hull. The proceedings were purely informal and no official announcement was made, but it is claimed positively that both of the dead men bore wounds inflicted both by machine guns and larger guns.

WAR SUMMARY.

(By Associated Press.)

Nothing of any consequence by the Russian or Japanese armies in the vicinity of Shakhe is reported. Emperor Nicholas has designated General Kuropatkin to command all the Russian land forces in the Far East. Alexieff is continued in the office of viceroy.

NEW RUSSIAN LOAN.

London, Oct. 26.—A new Russian loan of $270,000,000, according to the Brussels' correspondent of the Standard, has virtually been concluded.

YUKON NAVIGATION CLOSED.

Seattle, Oct. 25.—Steam navigation, the full length of the Yukon, is practically closed. The river is full of ice. The output of the Klondike this season

FIGHTING IN JAVA.

Amsterdam, Oct. 25.—A despatch from Batavia today reports that the Dutch troops have captured Battoebatoe, in Achin, after sharp fighting. The Achinese, the despatch says, lost 196 killed and the Dutch captured twenty guns and had three killed and eleven wounded.

RETURNING JAPANESE.

Honolulu, Oct. 25.—A large number of Japanese army reserve men residing here have received notifications by cable from the military authorities in Japan calling them home for army service. It is believed that two or three thousand will try to secure passage on the next steamer leaving here for the Orient.

Pendleton, Ore., Oct. 25.—An exodus of Japanese from this city, in response to an order from the Japanese government, has commenced. The order was received about a month ago, and directed all Japanese to return to Japan at once. There are more than 200 Japanese in Pendleton, a majority of whom, it is said, will obey this order.

NO FIGHTING MONDAY NIGHT.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 25.—General Sakharoff today telegraphed that there was no fighting last night.

U. S. STEEL DIVIDEND.

New York, Oct. 25.—Directors of the United States Steel Corporation today declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¾ per cent. on the preferred stock, payable November 30.

MADAME GADSKI COMING.

Berlin, Oct. 25.—The steamer Kaiser Wilhelm II., which sails from Bremen for New York today, takes among her passengers Madame Gadski. Madame Gadski's 60 concert engagements have been increased to 80. The Kaiser Wilhelm II. also takes Dr. Herman Von Possart, theatrical censor of Berlin, who is going to America to get suggestions that may be useful to the police administration of the Berlin theatres.

AFTER CHILEAN NAVY.

Russia Said to be Negotiating, Through Turkey, for Purchase.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 25.—A story is current here that Russia has purchased the Chilean navy, which will join the Russian second Pacific squadron at the Azores islands. According to the report an infraction of Chilean neutrality will be avoided by transferring the ships to Turkey, for which the Porte will receive $2,000,000 from Russia. While the story received some credence, it is denied in responsible quarters.

News Notes of The Dominion

Russian Consul at Montreal Expresses Regret—Mr. Blair's Resignation Stands

Former Vancouver Minister to go to Montreal — Sydney Workers Quit.

Montreal, Oct. 24.—M. Destruve, Russian consul in Montreal, this morning said: "I know nothing of this regrettable affair beyond what I have seen in the newspapers.

"My personal opinion is that the attack on the fishing fleet by the Russian boats was a depolrable mistake and one which unfortunately may happen to any country at such a period as this.

"It is, of course, regrettable that the Russian commander had received some intimation that Japanese ships were knocking around and saw the trawlers and, mistaking them for an enemy, opened fire.

"I am firmly convinced that Russia will tender a full and ample apology for the sad mistake and will make all the compensation that is due to the unfortunate victims.

"I do not for one moment suppose that the incident will be the means of any international rupture between England and Russia, but beyond that and being, as I have said, without any official information, I cannot say more."

BLAIR RESIGNATION STANDS.

A report was in circulation today that Mr. Blair had withdrawn his resignation. On being asked as to the truth of the report Mr. Blair telegraphed from Ottawa: "I have Blair telegraphed from by a newspaper concerning the report current in Montreal saying I have withdrawn my resignation, but the statement is untrue. (Signed)

"ANDREW G. BLAIR."

NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations have been made: London, Ont.—W. Gray, Conservative, in place of Dr. Montague. Kings, Ont.—J. W. Ryan, Conservative, in place of Iones. Gloucester, N. B.—T. Blanchard, Conservative, in place of M. A. Landery. Perce, Que—Hon. Rudolphe Lemieux, solicitor general, Liberal, and Auguste Beaudry, Conservative.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Belleville, Oct. 24.—Willie Jones, ten years old, was burned to death in his father's barn near Delorrimes. He is supposed to have been playing with matches.

FIRE IN MORRISBURG.

Morrisburg, Oct. 24.—The block occupied by R. H. Bradfield, cigar dealer, was destroyed by fire last night. Loss $10,000; insurance, $5,000.

A FATAL HAIR DRYING.

Toronto, Oct. 24.—Catharine Hess, living at 45 Gould street, was burned to death Saturday night. She was drying her hair over a coal-oil heater when the hair became ignited.

By a vote of almost three to one the citizens of Toronto Saturday voted in favor of the city purchasing the stock of the Consumers' Gas Company.

Galt, Oct. 24.—The Rev. E. S. Scott, formerly of Vancouver, has received an invitation to Dominion Square Methodist church, Montreal, for next year.

MR. HYMAN NOMINATED.

London, Oct. 24.—London Liberals last night nominated Hon. C. S. Hyman, acting minister of public works as their candidate.

MACHINISTS QUIT WORK.

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 24.—The entire night shift in the machine shops of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company quit work last night because the company persisted in employing unskilled labor to operate machines which required skilled labor. Some twenty men are out.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Rosthern, N. W. T., Oct. 24.—A disastrous fire visited Hague, a village north of here, this afternoon. The fire started in the Leland hotel, which was totally destroyed, some of the inmates having to jump from the windows. The flames quickly spread and destroyed almost every business place in town. Among the losers are: Leland hotel, Henry Fisher, proprietor, total loss; $20,000; Canadian Territories Corporation, implement agency, $3,000; L. P. Friesen, hardware, $9,000; T. E. McHaffy, general merchandise, $3,000; John Kehler, general merchant, $3,500; Henry Bourn, livery stable, $1,500. Mr. Fisher, proprietor of the hotel, lost $20,000 in cash and all his books. He had $5,000 insurance. Friesen had $5,000 insurance and the others were fairly well insured.

ALL TRAWLERS IN PORT.

Entire Fleet Now Accounted For and No Further Casualties.

London, Oct. 25.—All the steam trawlers, including the Gull, from Dogger bank, are now back at Hull. There are no additional casualties to the crew of the Crane. Three wounded men who were brought to Hull today belong to the Crane, having just left the hospital ship. They tell graphic stories, amply confirming previous reports of the affair, but appear unable to positively say whether they were cruisers or battleships which fired upon them, but they believe they were battleships.

BANKER'S TRAIN DITCHED.

Laredo, Texas, Oct. 25.—Word has just reached here that the special train which left over the line of the National Mexican railroad, bearing James Speyer, of the banking firm of Speyer & Company, of New York, while going at a high rate of speed, was ditched between San Chez and Lajarita, about 25 miles south of here.

Mr. Blair's New Position

Takes Remunerative Solicitorship in Connection With David Russell's Investments.

Sir Wilfred in Hot Water Over the Aspirations of Rival Candidates.

British Columbia Cases Before Supreme Court — Sandberg vs. Ferguson Dismissed.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Oct. 24.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier's offer to run in Wright if the rival candidates will drop out, is not acceptable. Emmanuel Devlin, the Irish Catholic candidate, did not return to Hull this morning, but his brother Charles, member for Gaiway, was pretty outspoken as to Emanuel's intentions. He said they were not consulted about the deputation to Laurier, and, not having been consulted, neither he nor his brother would be a party to any arrangements. He said Emanuel Devlin would vacate the field for nobody.

M. P. Davis, of Ottawa, whose name has been mentioned as the agent of the Liberal party who went to see Judge Parker at Esopus to secure campaign founds, admits that he went to Esopus, but that it was purely a pleasure trip. His call on Judge Parker, the Democratic candidate, was a social one.

Mr. Blair will shortly take up his permanent residence in Montreal, where he intends to open a law office. It is understood that he has been offered and has accepted a solicitorship connected with David Russell's many financial investments at a princely salary and for a fixed term of years. David Russell is one of the principal stockholders in Abbey's Effervescent Salt Company, Lake of the Woods Milling Company, Her Majesty's theatre at Montreal, newspapers in St. John, Montreal and elsewhere, Grand Hotel Company, of Caledonia Springs, and other enterprises. Russell's investments are so many that he desires some one to give closer supervision to them than he can do, and, therefore has called Mr. Blair to his aid. The banquet which he gave Attorney-General Pugsley cost Mr. Russell $10,000 if it cost him a cent. It was a grand affair, and behind it is a very interesting story that will be soon told.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier left for Montreal this morning.

The Supreme court today dismissed the British Columbia appeal of Sandberg vs. Ferguson without calling upon counsel for respondent to argue. Mr. Taylor for appellant; Mr. Davis for respondent.

Spokane vs. Alaska Packers' Association is being argued. Peters for appellant; Bodwell for respondents.

SEATTLE ELECTRIC CARS IN COLLISION

Traveling at Great Speed Two Coaches Crash Together in the Fog.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Seattle, Oct. 25.—Twenty people were bruised and shaken up, half a dozen of them being seriously injured, in a head-on collision on the Seattle and Renton car line this morning during a heavy fog, and William Cole, real estate agent of Columbia, may die of concussion of the brain.

J. F. Boyd, an insurance man of Columbia, was injured internally.

Thomas Berg, motorman on car No. 25, and Jack W. Perkypyle, the motorman on car No. 22, were also seriously injured.

Other persons injured were: E. H. Huber, Dan Palmer, N. A. Webster; W. H. Ferguson, married, night clerk at the Montana stables; Fred Bell, Milton Roy, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Hayes; George Colelle, a market gardener residing in the Rainier valley; C. F. Matthews, G. W. Dunlap, H. Brushkeveith, A. E. Chandler; F. D. Cleaves, a clerk in the criminal department of the Superior court, whose knee and hip were badly injured, and a 17-year-old boy named Burk.

The fog was thick at the time the two cars came together. The coaches were not more than 50 feet from each other when the motormen saw the danger and applied the brakes on both cars with full force. This, however, did not prevent the cars from coming together with frightful speed, the motormen sticking to their posts. Most of the injured were taken to the hospitals.

The blame for the accident is likely to be placed on Motorman Perkypyle, of the outbound car, according to the statement made this morning by the superintendent of the line. He admitted, however, that a mistake was made somehow by the outbound car in passing the switch in front of the brickyard.

About the same time two University electric cars crashed together; six were injured, but none fatally.

STRIKES FLOATING MINES.

Chefoo, Oct. 26.—(6:10 a. m.)—The steamer Kashing struck a floating mine north of Alceste island at midnight last night. Two Chinese were killed. The Kashing arrived at Weihaiwei today.

ONTARIO MACHINE GOING TO PIECES

Provincial Secretary Stratton Throws Up the Sponge and Hon. Mr. Gibson Will Follow Suit.

Toronto, Oct. 24.—Provincial Secretary Stratton has not yet handed in his resignation to the executive of the West Peterborough Liberal Association, although it is understood that his resignation as minister of the crown is already in the hands of Premier Ross. Mr. Stratton was at his office in the Parliament building Saturday, but declined to be interviewed. He sent out word that he had nothing to say regarding the situation.

Hon. J. M. Gibson wished to have it stated positively to his friends that within a few months he would be out of the Ontario cabinet. As previously pointed out, Mr. Gibson, however, is understood to have consented to remain in the legislature as a private member.

INDIAN CHIEF GUILTY.

Vancouver, Oct. 25.—Chief Schwid, of the Nawhitti tribe of Indians, was found guilty this evening of interfering with the course of justice by inciting the Indians to keep secret the murder of a young woman belonging to the Nawhitti tribe. Justice Duff reserved sentence. According to the evidence when the body with the head almost severed was brought to the chief, all the village assembled around it and ninety other Indians from the north. The chief delivered a speech in which he advised that the murder be kept from the whites and asked his people to contribute money to buy the silence of Henry Buler and George Hunt, two half-breeds. A potlatch was going on at the time.

CONVICT HANGS HIMSELF.

On Eve of Electrocution for Murder Frank Gustafson Commits Suicide.

New York, Oct. 25.—Frank Gustafson, a convicted murderer, who today was to have been sentenced to death in the electric chair, committed suicide during the night by hanging himself in his cell in the Tombs prison with his leather belt to the iron rail at the head of his bed. On the night of June 1st last Gustafson shot his wife Augusta, 28 years of age, at their home on Fifty-first street, killing her instantly, and at the time shot and seriously wounded his brother-in-law, Eric Johnson, and a visitor at the house, Miss Ellen Blusson. The latter two victims recovered.

THE FLEET SIGHTED.

Torpedo Boats of Baltic Fleet Pass Ushant.

Brest, France, Oct. 25.—Three Russian torpedo boats, with a collier, passed Ushant, 27 miles west by north of Brest, this morning, traveling westward.

The Russian transports Knias and Katgherkoff arrived this afternoon in the roadstead. They anchored far out and have had no communication up to the present with the shore. It is believed the transports are laden with coal for the second Pacific squadron, whose arrival here is now regarded as imminent. A quantity of correspondence in care of the Russian consul at Brest, awaits the squadron.

Anxious Crowds At St. Petersburg

The Populace Besieges Foreign Office for News of North Sea Blunder.

Admiralty Telegraphing Wildly for Particulars From the Squadron.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 25.—The admiralty and foreign office were besieged today with enquirers, correspondents and diplomats asking for the Russian version of the North sea affair, but the authorities have absolutely nothing to offer. They declare they are as much in the dark as the public and even more averse from giving news. Inexplicable as it may seem, the admiralty has not been positively assured, in the name of the minister of marine himself, at 4:30 p. m. today that no report of the affair had been reached the admiralty, which has been telegraphing wildly to London, Cherbourg and Vigo asking for immediate report.

Foreign Minister Lamsdorff, upon his return from visiting Emperor Nicholas at Tsarskoe Selo this afternoon, drove direct to the British embassy, where he conveyed to Ambassador Hardinge, on behalf of the Emperor, a message for communication to King Edward and the British government expressing His Majesty's profound regret at the news of the North sea incident, and stating that the Emperor had not yet received a report from his officers on the subject, but asking the British ambassador nevertheless to convey the assurance that fullest reparation would be made to the families of the sufferers.

Later the ambassador went to the foreign office and formally presented a copy of his instructions. The note was couched in a moderate but firm tone. The note suggests the act as an inhuman, unjustifiable and deliberate, but makes no direct demands, reserving them pending the receipt of Russia's explanations. Neither does it place a time limit upon the response.

HELENA PAPER CHANGES HANDS

Butte, Mont., Oct. 25.—Senator W. A. Clark has sold the Helena Independent to John S. M. Neill, of Helena and the formal transfer has already taken place. Senator Clark bought the paper from Neill two years ago last August and placed J. L. Dobell in charge as managing editor. Mr. Dobell will retire from the Independent, but it is expected that there will be no other changes. The new editor has not yet been selected by Mr. Neill.

KILLS HIMSELF IN PUBLIC.

New York, Oct. 25.—Wrenching himself from the grasp of two men, who divined his purpose and seized him, an unknown man today threw himself under a Third avenue elevated train at 42nd street and was crushed to death in the presence of scores of people that crowded the platform awaiting a down-town train. So tightly was the body wedged under the forward trucks of the car that an hour was required to remove it, and during that time traffic on the southbound track was at a standstill.

U. S. Navy Banquetted

Officers of America's European Squadron Entertained in London.

An Exchange of Felicitations by British and Yankee Officials.

Lord Selborne Makes Interesting Statement on Subject of Outrage.

London, Oct. 25.—"I thank God the day has come when neither the British nor the American navy can be jealous of each other's development." Rear Admiral Jewell, in the foregoing sentence, tonight elicited loud cheers when he replied to the toast in honor of the American European squadron at the banquet given them by the Pilgrim Society. Lord Selborne, the first lord of the admiralty, presided at the gathering, which included representative Britons besides the American naval and military attaches, United States Consul General Evans and many others of note.

Lord Selborne, in proposing the American naval guests, said he must refer to the "inexcusable outrage" in the North sea. In a similar case, said Lord Selborne, the British or American navy would make immediate and ample apology. "They would punish," added Lord Selborne amidst loud cheers, "the perpetrators of such a terrible blunder and demand security against its recurrence. I no more doubt that I am standing here than the Emperor and the Russian people will feel their responsibility and take the same action as would the British or American peoples."

Lord Selborne proceeded to pay a glowing tribute to the American navy and emphasized instances of co-operation between British, French and American navies.

"I say on behalf of the British government," said Lord Selborne, "that there is nothing but the greatest admiration for the American navy here, and there is no navy from which the British is so willing to learn. The American navy can never pay too frequent visits to British waters."

Admiral Lambton declared that he would never believe that any naval officer, Russian or otherwise, could do so deliberately an act intentionally.

"Naval officers sometimes make mistakes, but," said Admiral Lambton, "give them time to apologize and everything will be all right."

Admiral Lambton's statement, combined with Lord Selborne's, are taken as practically closing the North sea incident. Rear Admiral Lambton saw King Edward today, and undoubtedly he voiced the highest views. In the communication to King Edward and the admiralty and just from the King, he urged his hearers not to believe that an outrage, which he would be one of those to denounce, was premeditated, a sentiment which was greeted with prolonged applause as marking the end of a crisis.

Rear Admiral Jewell did not refer to the Russian difficulty, but in the briefest of speeches won loud applause by reference to the lack of all jealousy between the British and American navies.

Among the many telegrams read at the banquet was one from the archbishop of Canterbury, referring in glowing terms to his visit to America and expressing regret that he was unable to be present at the Pilgrims' banquet.

Episcopal Church Convention Ends

Sessions Adjourned Yesterday and Next Gathering to Meet in Richmond.

Pastoral Letter on Divorce by Bishop Potter of New York City.

Boston, Oct. 25.—The triennial general convention of the Episcopal church, which has been in session since October 5th, was adjourned today with a public service in Trinity church. Bishop Henry C. Potter of New York, read a pastoral letter addressed to the church at large on problems now before the country. Regarding divorce, the pastoral said that the facility with which the marriage vows may be taken on and put off is one of the menaces of American civilization, to the possible perils of which Christian people are as yet imperfectly aroused. The letter made a plea for the permanency and security of the family.

A resolution permitting foreign congregations now in communication with the church to use forms of service in their own tongue was adopted today.

The chief feature of the session just closed was the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the long discussion on the amendment to the divorce canon. A compromise finally was adopted, whereby the innocent person in a divorce for infidelity is permitted to remarry after the decree is issued.

The convention also decided to establish courts of review to which appeals from dioceses can be taken, and such arrangements that the missionary work of the church will be carried on with more vigor.

Among the many negative actions taken was the decision on change of the name of the church at this time and to group the dioceses into provinces.

The next convention will be held in Richmond, Va., in 1907.

LADYSMITH NOTES.

Ladysmith, Oct. 24.—(Special)—Albert Thomas, the youngest son of Mr. D. Thomas, received a wound in the right side yesterday afternoon, caused by a cartridge exploding in his hand.

The large increase in the number of pupils attending the public school, has led to the appointment of two new teachers, who will take up their positions after the Christmas holidays.

The matter of dividing the city into wards came up at the city council meeting and caused a warm discussion. It was finally decided that the wards should run parallel with the avenues, that is, almost north and south, and at right angles to the streets.

The work on the new wharf and its approach is progressing favorably and blasting can be heard every day all "along the line."

The steamer Wyfield will complete her cargo of coal for San Francisco today. The Wyfield took half her cargo on at Cumberland.

The hulk Japan is loading slack coal for Union.

The steamship Selkirk came in with a cargo or ore for the Tyee smelter from Texada.

A very enjoyable and most successful promenade concert and dance took place in the Ladysmith opera house last night. The entertainment was given by the Ladysmith band.

Heartily For Colonel Prior

Large Number of Electors Applaud Conservative Candidate in Cramer's Hall.

Col. Prior Disclosed the Reason of Sen. Templeman's Objection to Better Terms.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

A most successful meeting was held in Cramer's hall, Ross bay, last night in the interests of the Liberal-Conservative candidate, Colonel E. G. Prior. There was a large attendance of resident voters and the speeches were listened to with close attention and the speakers were heartily applauded. There is no doubt that this portion of the electorate will give Colonel Prior a thumping majority in the approaching election. Mr. J. Douglas presided.

The chairman, after thanking those present for appointing him to preside, said that all sympathizers with the Liberal-Conservative cause would be glad that the party had chosen Colonel Prior as standard-bearer in Victoria. Colonel Prior was the best man in the city for the position and he hoped that Ross bay would give him a big majority. He then called upon Mr. Ottway.

Mr. Ottway said that this was the first occasion on which he had been called upon to address a political meeting. He felt proud, however, to find himself in that position. (Hear, hear.) He had good reasons for supporting Colonel Prior and the party of which he was a member. He believed that the Conservatives would be returned to power and he was pleased to say that Mr. Borden's policy was not to destroy the Grand Trunk Pacific undertaking, but to go one further and one better than the Liberals. Instead of building the great railway for a private corporation, it was Mr. Borden's policy to build it for the people. He drew a parallel to this policy in that of the Conservatives in the Old Country who improved upon the late Mr. Gladstone's scheme for the secret ballot and established the present system, by which a man was enabled to vote as his conscience directed. He referred to the great policy of opening up the interior of Canada which had been pursued by Sir John A. Macdonald by the construction of the C. P. R. The Liberals had opposed that work, and yet now they were prepared to build a mate on it. In conclusion, he said that the colonel's election already was conceded. (Hear, hear.) And they all hoped that he would go to Ottawa as a supporter of a Borden government. (Applause.)

Mr. W. J. Bolden, the next speaker, said that Ross bay always had voted Conservative, and doubtless would plump a good majority for Colonel Prior. (Hear, hear.) When Sir Wilfrid Laurier had come to British Columbia he had come as the prophet of free trade "as they have it in England." That policy, however, had never been carried out. It simply was advocated by Sir Wilfrid because Canada was not prosperous and people were ready to grasp at any theory that might improve conditions. Of course, that policy would not have done any good and the Liberals had never dared to inaugurate it. He instanced the injurious effects of free trade upon the industry of England, which has languished, while the iron trade of American and other countries has prospered under protection. The Americans had legislated against the importation of labor, and Canadian workingmen had been arrested in the United States and sent back over the border. A cry had gone up from this country for retaliation and the Liberals had passed a law against the importa-

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