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The Late Premier of Quebec. The late Premier of Quebec, the Hon. Felix Gabriel Marchand, was a type of politician with whom Canadians can ill afford to part. Upright and faithful to duty, his sincerity and honesty of purpose was seldom questioned, even by his political opponents. He led a useful and blameless life, and his death is a distinct loss to the Dominion.

'The Good Mother.' Last Friday morning, the British cruiser "Charybdis" sailed from St. John's for the northeast coast of Newfoundland on a peaceful and humane mission. Fearing that some disaster has overtaken the numerous vessels missing since the recent gales, the "Charybdis" has been instructed to proceed to the assistance of victims, to tow off schooners, to transfer the shipwrecked fishermen and to distribute relief where necessary. She will visit all the centres where the gale raged with special violence, extending her trip to Labrador, where a similar policy will be pursued.

Britannia watches over the lives and welfare of her people, wherever the Union Jack is found flying in the breeze.

When Tommy Comes Marching Home. We have already heard complaints in Canada of the difficulty experienced by some of our soldiers who have returned from campaigning in South Africa in obtaining employment. It is manifest from the action of the War Office that there is much apprehension of the same trouble in the British Isles. In view of the early return of many thousands of soldiers, the War Office is sending a circular memorandum to the general officers commanding districts at home with regard to the future of the reservists now serving at the front. This points out that it will be necessary, when the reserves are demobilized and soldiers are again being passed to the

reserve or discharged, that every effort should be made to enable men leaving the colors to resume or obtain civil employment. The Secretary of State for War therefore has approved of arrangements which he hopes to be helpful to the men concerned, and especially to those who, on leaving the ranks, have no immediate prospects of employment, and all will trust that this hope may be realised.

Let all who are interested in the welfare of our own gentlemen in khaki, work together for the same good purpose of securing suitable employment for them when they come marching home.

Australian Presents for Baden-Powell.

English papers report that, when the Australasian mail delivered in London on the 12th inst. left Melbourne, 41 cities and towns in Australia and New Zealand were sending presentations to the defender of Mafeking, General Baden-Powell. From Sydney, among other gifts, he will receive two of the finest hunters ever bred in New South Wales. The offering of the Croydon (Queensland) miners consists of a cake of pure gold, with the inscription, "This is 24 carat. You are the same." Some ladies of Melbourne have subscribed for a miniature sword of honour in gold and precious stones, which may be used as a paper knife.

The cool courage and cheerfulness of the Commander of the South African Mounted Police has evidently captured hearts in every corner of the Empire. Throughout a long siege he remained the idol of the people of Mafeking and its defenders. Brave, tender, loving and daring, Baden-Powell is a splendid type of the Englishman whom his countrymen love to immortalize in song and story.

What will Canadians do to signify their admiration for this prodigy of pluck and accomplishments, whose capacity for serving the Empire seems to be illimitable?