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## HILL-MORGAN BUY C.P.R. STOCK IT GOES UP WITH A SHARP TURN

### In Toronto, Montreal and New York Nearly $3,000,000 Worth Changed Hands—Spurt Laid at the Doors of the Western Railway Wizard and the Steel Giant.

**In Toronto, Montreal and New York yesterday nearly $3,000,000 worth of Canadian Pacific Railway stock changed hands. Half of this was bought on Wall Street.**

**A Special from New York says: "Hill and Morgan were active factors in to-day's stock markets. Canadian Pacific received much attention, and it is believed Hill and Morgan were buyers."**

Canadian Pacific Railway stock made a sharp upturn on leading stock exchanges of the world yesterday. The buying spurt appears to have started in Berlin and London, and was followed up vigorously on this side of the water. On the London Stock Exchange, the issue advanced a point, and closed at 94¼, which is equivalent to 91⅝ in America. There was probably a further appreciation on the curb after the regular market closed, and the opening price this morning will likely show a much greater gain.

On the New York Stock Exchange the issue opened at 91¼, and closed at 93¾. During the day 15,300 shares changed hands on Wall-street.

On the Canadian exchanges, a corresponding activity in the stock was noticeable, 4700 shares changing hands on the Toronto Stock Exchange and 10,400 shares being dealt in on the Montreal Board—i.e. 15,100 shares in all. The highest price paid in Toronto yesterday was 93¾, a rise of 3¼ points over the previous close. The highest figure reached in Montreal was 94¼, a net gain of 4 points for the day.

The total number of shares dealt in on the New York, Toronto and Montreal stock exchanges yesterday aggregated 30,400, which represent nearly $3,000,000.

A New York wire suggested that the Morgan-Hill-Rockefeller crowd had started in to get control of the stock, but the probable reason is that the C. P. R. has for a long time been lagging away behind the other 5 per cent. railway issues. Each stock has been taken hold of in turn and boosted. C. P. R. is now having its innings. The publication of the earnings of the road for the first two weeks of March, showing, as they do, an increase of $154,000 over the corresponding weeks of March, 1900, makes this an opportune moment to push the stock upwards.

#### "JIM" HILL AFTER THE C.P.R.

Montreal, March 19.—(Special.)—The exceptional buoyancy in the price of Canadian Pacific stock was the principal subject of talk in stock-broking and financial circles to-day. The record for the morning board on the local exchange was an advance of 3½ points, from 91 at the opening to 94¼ at the close of the forenoon board, while about 10,000 shares figured in the list of transactions. The session was one of the most exciting on record.

**Wall Street Holds the Answer.**

The natural and foremost question was: what is the cause of the buoyancy? Wall-street holds the answer, and it did not appear to be within the ability of anyone in the local market to give a satisfactory reply to the question on everyone's lips. Brokers bought the stock, all they could get of it, because they knew they could sell it again in New York, where the price was higher than in the home market. At 12.30 o'clock the price quoted in Wall-street was 94½, just ¼ of 1 per cent. above the price at which the market closed the forenoon board.

**Hill Said to Be In It.**

A rise of that kind, however, cannot take place without an attendant rumor to account for it, and, in this case, the easiest thing for Dame Rumor to do was to blame it on Mr. J. J. Hill, the Western Railway wizard, whose name has been connected with more than one record railway deal in the United States within the past few months. Mr. T. G. Shaughnessy, being seen, said the stock had been too low, and that people were beginning to appreciate its value.

## C.P.R. WILL NOT FIGHT SO HARD AT OTTAWA AS IN WINNIPEG

### Probability That the Roblin Bill Will Go Thru With Merely a Formal Protest—Crow's Nest People Continue an Active Lobby at the Capital.

Ottawa, March 19.—(Special.)—Mackenzie and Mann and their solicitor, Mr. Lash, are still here, and Mr. Rogers of the Manitoba Government arrived this morning. The World was informed to-night that the C.P.R. had come to the conclusion not to continue the same active opposition to the Canadian Northern scheme at Ottawa which they had carried on in Winnipeg, and that they would content themselves with a formal protest against Parliament ratifying the deal which had just passed the Manitoba Legislature. If this is so—and it seems to be so—the bill about to be introduced, legalizing, as far as the Dominion is concerned, the arrangement between Mann and Mackenzie's road and the Provincial Government, will go thru in both Houses here with comparatively small opposition. Apparently, the C.P.R. have decided that discretion is the better part of valor. Whether they would take the same view in regard to the Crow's Nest Pass charter for a line to the American boundary is not yet known. The Crow's Nest people, however, are determined not to be caught napping, and the lobby is just as active as ever.

## "NO-POPERY" CORONATION OATH TAKEN UP IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

### Lord Salisbury Proposes a Commission to Consider Whether There Can Be a Modification Which Will Ensure Protestant Succession and Give No Offence.

London, March 19.—In the House of Lords to-day Lord Salisbury, referring to the question raised by the "No-Popery oath," taken by the King, said he must regret very much that language of such indecent violence had ever been placed in the King's Anti-Roman Catholic oath; but if it was modified or repealed, a great many people, perfectly sincere, tho not very wise, would say that such action meant supporting transubstantiation. He proposed on behalf of the Government that a committee be appointed to consider the declaration required of the Sovereign on his accession and whether its language could be modified advantageously without diminishing its efficiency as security for the Protestant succession. The matter will be considered Thursday.

## SENATE WANTS MR. COOK.

**Investigating Committee Pass a Motion Summoning Him to Appear in Ottawa on Tuesday.**

Ottawa, March 19.—The Senate Committee appointed to investigate the Cook charges met to-day. Sir Mackenzie Bowell was in the chair. Mr. C. H. Ritchie, K.C., Toronto, was appointed by the committee as its counsel. Another motion was passed summoning Mr. Cook to appear on Tuesday next with all papers, correspondence, etc., in relation to the charge that he made. It was also decided to send a copy of the proceedings of the committee to the Premier. The committee then adjourned until Tuesday.

**Patents.**—Fetherstonhaugh & Co., King-street West, Toronto, also Montreal, Ottawa and Washington.

**Marvels of Beauty.**

The lilac trees in full bloom, the bright colored azaleas, the tulips, daffodils and other seasonable varieties of cut flowers are now at their best at Dunlop's, 5 King-street west and 445 Yonge-street.

**Grand's Repository**—a large consignment of fur lined overcoats and wolf fur overcoats has been received from one of the largest furriers of the city and will be sold without regard to cost at Grand's, on Friday the 22nd, at 11 o'clock

### TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Ontario Legislature, Queen's Park, 3 and 8 p.m.
Ontario Liberal-Conservative Association convention, Victoria Hall, 10 a.m.
Ernest Seton Thompson lectures in Massey Hall, 3 and 8 p.m.
"Great Umbrella Case," St. Michael's College, 8 p.m.
"Shim-Bok-Kai," St. George's Hall, afternoon and evening.
I.O.L. 279 at home, Euclid-avenue Hall, 8 p.m.
Toronto Opera House, "A Hot Old Time," 8 p.m.
Princess Theatre, "Shadows of a Great City," 8 p.m.
Shea's Theatre, vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.
West Association Hall, Hypnotist Jones, 8 p.m.

## BLOODY RIOTS IN ST. PETERSBURG

**Police Fired Their Revolvers Into the Crowd of Students and Five Were Killed.**

St. Petersburg, March 19.—Serious riots occurred in St. Petersburg to-day on the occasion of a solemn mass in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Kazan for the repose of the soul of M. Bogolipoff, the Minister of Public Instruction, who was shot and fatally wounded by Karopvitch. The police fired their revolvers and it is rumored that five students were killed and 80 others either seriously or slightly injured. Wholesale arrests, including many women, followed the rioting.

**Valuable Pictures**—Mr. C. J. Way, R.C.A., who has achieved European renown and made himself one of the foremost of Canadian Landscape Painters, has commissioned Messrs. C. J. Townsend & Co. to arrange for sale his valuable collection of water colors painted in Switzerland, Italy, Sicily, Capri, England, Wales, the Rockies and the St. Lawrence, on Thursday, 21st March. This will be the most important sale held for years. On view March 18th. ed7

**Edwards and Hart-Smith**, Chartered Accountants, offices Canadian Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

**The Female Man's Will.**

New York, March 19.—The will of the late Murray H. Hall, the woman who masqueraded as a man for many years, was filed for probate to-day. All the property is left to Imelda A. Hall, and she is requested to have a headstone erected "over the grave of my deceased wife, Celia F. L. Hall." Imelda A. Hall is said to be the adopted daughter of Murray H. Hall.

**To-night at the Church of Christ, Cecil St., B. H. Hayden will give God's Message to human lives.**

**Mrs. Blain Gives a Million.**

Chicago, March 19.—Mrs. Emmons Blain, according to an announcement by President William Harper at the University of Chicago convocation to-day, has given $1,000,000 to the University of Chicago School of Education.

**Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W.**

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## ROBLIN DEFENDS HIS DEAL

### Favors Government Ownership, But the Idea Is Not Yet Feasible, He Thinks.

### PROVINCE FREE FROM LIABILITY

**Until Wheat Rate Has Been Reduced Below 10 and General Tariff Below 15 Cents.**

Winnipeg, March 19.—(Special.)—Premier Roblin, in a speech at Virden last night, agreed with Mr. Scallion, a critic of the railway deal, in his remarks about Government ownership, and that he thought it would be more desirable to have a similar system to that of Great Britain in regard to public servants, viz., by competitive examination. He was powerless to remedy this evil, and but for that Government ownership would be feasible.

The Premier went into the figures he presented to the Legislature with regard to the anticipated earnings of the new system.

The reason why wholesale men were against the contract was that the greater the freight rate the greater the profit they would derive, as they figured out their profits on a percentage basis, and wholesalers had so expressed themselves to him. He did not think that Scallion's ideas were sound with regard to waiting for the Intercolonial Railway, as the country could not afford to wait, and it was impossible to reach any permanently satisfactory arrangement with any of the transcontinental lines. He said: "The province will incur no liability for any deficit until the wheat rate is reduced to less than 10 cents and the general tariff to less than 15 per cent. below the existing tariff."

In conclusion he said he would feel relieved of any responsibility if the Dominion House threw out the bill.

**The Opposition Meeting.**

The meeting here to-night in opposition to the railway deal was attended by prominent business men and several representatives from the country. J. H. Brock, W. E. Perdu, and, probably, Isaac Campbell, will be sent to Ottawa to oppose the deal before the Dominion House. Other delegates will also be sent from Provincial points. Arrangements have been made to call meetings at all prominent Provincial points, with Winnipeg and local speakers. The intense feeling against the legislation may be indicated by ex-Mayor Macdonald's speech. He said two-thirds of the people of this Province were opposed to this deal. This is no party issue. There is not one independent man in a hundred favorable to the deal. Then, let it go thruout the length and breadth of the continent that we have been betrayed, and that we will repudiate the bonds.

Mr. Gilroy: "This may injure your credit."

Mr. Macdonald: "Our credit will go, in any case, and it is as well that the innocent parties who may wish to purchase these bonds should know."

The remarks were received with applause.

**Young Men Will Debate It.**

At the meeting of the Young Conservative Club, a committee was appointed to arrange a joint debate with the Young Liberal Club on the railway deals of the Local Government. On motion of W. M. Creighton, a resolution was passed heartily approving of the Government's railway legislation.

**Mr. Campbell Will Debate.**

Isaac Campbell says he will accept Premier Roblin's challenge to debate the railway question, providing there are fair rules to govern the debate.

**The Mayor is Willing.**

Mayor Arbuthnot, questioned to-day in regard to a suggestion from The Telegram that he should call a public meeting "to endorse the action of the Government" on the railway deal, says he is quite willing to do so if requested so to act by reputable business men of the city, as in the case of the last meeting.

**Strenuous Opposition Called For.**

The Qu'Appelle Progress says that the whole Manitoba railway question, in view of the proposal to incorporate all that portion of Assiniboia lying east of the third meridian in the Province of Manitoba, is one of vital interest to this territory, and should be strenuously opposed. An expression of public opinion in Assiniboia would undoubtedly show a united opposition to our advancement to provincial status under such conditions. Assiniboia is now free from debt and would never willingly be annexed to Manitoba with its intolerable burdens of taxation and debt.

**FOUR AGAINST TWENTY-THREE.**

"There are 27 members of the faculty of Trinity Medical College, and four of them are trying to hold all the others by the throat," said a member of the faculty to The World last night, when asked if it was true that Trinity would decline to amalgamate with the Toronto University medical faculty on the plan proposed.

The report of the decision arrived at by the Trinity faculty will, in all likelihood, be made by Dean Geikie to-day to the chairman of the Joint University Committee, and it is, briefly, that Trinity does not consider the scheme for the proposed amalgamation feasible, but that the college is in favor of confederation upon broad lines. This is true in substance, tho it will likely be changed to-day.

**Mr. C. J. Way's Water Colors.**

Our representative had a very pleasant visit at the exhibition now being held at Mr. Townsend's gallery, of Mr. C. J. Way's pictures, the great variety of subjects, the picturesque landscapes of Italy and Switzerland and the charming little sea shore pieces, illustrating the life of the fisherman of the English Channel, contrasting strongly with the powerful and striking mountain scenery of the Alps and Rockies. Mr. Way's work is certainly very charming, the high finish, the refinement of feeling, the delicacies of treatment and the beautiful color all show the great artist, and one feels regret that until now we have had no opportunity of seeing his work. We understand that the exhibition closes at noon on Thursday, when the pictures will be disposed of by auction.

**Come and hear the Gospel preached at Church of Christ, Cecil St., to-night.**

**Serious Fire in Baltimore.**

Baltimore, Md., March 19.—Fire, which was discovered shortly before 8 o'clock to-night in the leather and harness factory of the Startzman-Milliken Company, and which spread to the adjoining building, occupied by Ferris, Noeth, Stern Company, bakers' supplies, and Stepacher & Stern, shirt manufacturers, caused a total damage estimated at between $150,000 and $175,000.

**The Prison Strike Ended.**

Leavenworth, Kan., March 20.—The prison strike is ended. The convicts surrendered.

## NO TIEN TSIN ROW EXPECTED

### Possession of Railway Siding Depends On Which Nation Has First Concession.

### NON-RESISTANCE ORDER NOT SENT.

**New Triple Alliance Suggested to Stop Russian Aggression Toward Manchuria.**

London, March 19.—Some of the afternoon papers say the Tien Tsin row has been arranged. China granted the same concession to two nations. The arrangement allows Great Britain to proceed, but the earliest concession must be acknowledged.

The Foreign Office claim that the original concession was given up by Russia, and that therefore Russia has no claim at all.

In the House to-day Lord George Hamilton said no disturbance was anticipated at Tien Tsin. No instructions had been sent the British officers not to resist the seizure by the Russians of the siding.

Lord Cranborne stated to-day that the Anglo-German agreement applied to Manchuria, and both countries agree to maintain the integrity of the Chinese Empire.

Prof. Douglas of the Museum says the only way to stop Russian aggression is for America, England and Japan to combine in firm resistance.

**EXCITEMENT STILL ON.**

**Russian and British Troops Are Encamped Facing Each Other.**

Tien Tsin, March 19.—Excitement re the siding still exists. British troops are encamped facing Russian troops. The latter have orders to fire if the British start work on the siding.

The Anglo-French tiff is described by Gen. Campbell as a childish outbreak due to French insults.

**RUSSIA WILL NOT RECEDE.**

**High Official of French Foreign Office Expects to See England Yield.**

Paris, March 19.—An official of the Foreign Office said to-day: "Russia will not recede from the siding. She will not advance. She will act slowly and only by force. I expect to see England yield."

**WHAT A RUSSIAN SAYS.**

**Russia Has Not Yielded and Will Brook No Interference.**

St. Petersburg, March 19.—A competent official said to-day: "No representations re Manchuria have been made by the powers. Russia will hear of no interference in her negotiations with another power." He declared the power rebuffed was Great Britain, and that Russia desired to safeguard the railroad and her 10,000 kilometre frontier. He ridiculed the idea of a conflict at Tien Tsin, and said the misunderstanding regarding lands could be settled by diplomacy or arbitration.

**WHERE GERMANY STANDS.**

**Chancellor Von Buelow Intimates Peaceful Desires But Firmness.**

Berlin, March 19.—Chancellor Von Buelow, in the Reichstag, said to-day that it was naturally his desire that China should not too seriously diminish her capacity for satisfying the just claims of the powers for compensation. The Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs had expressed satisfaction with this statement. The Chancellor did not propose, however, to have Germany's interests in the Orient dissipated by any power.

**RUSSIANS SHOOT A BRITON.**

**Cossacks Kill a British Watchman at the Consulate Gate.**

Victoria, B.C., March 19.—The steamer Kinshiu Maru, just arrived from the Orient, brings news from Newchwang of an outrage by Russians there which may cause more friction between Great Britain and Russia.

While the watchman of the British Consulate was purchasing some cakes at the consulate gate, three Cossacks rode up and, after buying some cakes, refused to pay. The watchman backed up the demand of the dealer and the Russians threatened both with their bayonets. They fled inside the consulate and the watchman bolted the gate.

Unable to follow the fugitives inside one of the Russians mounted his pony and fired thru the palings at the watchman, killing him. The British Consul made a complaint to the Russian authorities and reported the matter to his Government.

**TORONTO-COLLINGWOOD AIR LINE.**

Stormy weather has not all disappeared for Archie Campbell's Toronto-Collingwood air line bill. The members for East and West York made a great struggle in the Railway Committee yesterday, either for Government making full provision for nationalizing the line, or taking away from its title the word "National." The chosen style is the Canada National Railway & Transport Company. The committee was about equally divided, but Chairman Sutherland gave his opinion adverse to Mr. Maclean's motion.

Then came the surprise of the day in Mr. Blair's announcement that he in no way regarded this line as part and parcel of the great Canadian transportation problem.

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**Mr. Murphy Was There.**

Owen Sound, March 19.—(Special.)—St. Patrick's Day was celebrated here on Monday. A concert was held in the evening. Nicholas Murphy, K. C., delivered a lecture on "Ireland's Minor Poets," citing largely from their works. His moral was that all Ireland's wrongs should be forgot. His lecture was well received.

**"SCRAP IRON" CLAUSE REPEALED.**

Premier Ross, in a half-minute speech in the Legislature last night, moved an amendment to the Revenue Act of 1899, the effect of which is to strike out the wording from the act on which the "scrap-iron" assessment judgment was based by the courts. The Government thus carried out the recommendation of the Assessment Commission, but ignores the anti-scrap-iron assessment bill drawn up and submitted by the commission.

## THE ALLOTMENT OF SHARES

### Dominion Iron and Steel Company Directors Had a Difficult Task to Perform.

### TWENTY-FIVE SHARES THE LIMIT

**Aggregate of Subscriptions Amounts to $7,600,000, and Only $2,550,000 Was Wanted.**

Montreal, March 19.—(Special.)—The directors of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, Limited, held their meeting to-day and were engaged in discharging their difficult task of allotting the 7 per cent. preferred cumulative shares, for which the company asked subscriptions for 30,000 shares. It transpired that there were over 1500 applications, for about 90,000 shares. The subscription price being fixed at 85 per cent. of the par, it follows that the aggregate subscriptions would amount to the large sum of $7,600,000. The amount of cash asked being $2,550,000 shows that nearly three times the amount of money asked for was offered.

The directors, it is understood, decided, in accordance with the custom in such cases, to allot to all applicants for 25 shares each and under the full number of shares applied for. Applicants for more than 25 shares were allotted ratably the remainder of the 30,000 shares, provided that each applicant shall receive not less than 25 shares. The holders of the common shares were allotted one share of preferred for each five shares of common held by them.

The applications were not only numerous and from bona fide investors but they came from all quarters. The following will serve as illustrating the widespread interest in the enterprise of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company.

Applications were received from British Columbia, Winnipeg, Michigan, Wyoming, London, Eng., New York, Boston, Illinois and Halifax. The subscriptions were approximately as follows: New England States, $3,900,000; Toronto and west, $2,600,000; Montreal and Quebec, $2,000,000; east of Montreal, $1,000,000, with scattering subscriptions from various points.

The analysis of applications shows the following: For 25 shares or less there were about 1000 applicants; for 25 to 50 shares, 50 applicants; for 100 shares, 152 applicants; for 100 to 500 shares, 100 applicants; for 500 to 2500 shares, 16 applicants.

## C.P.R. CUTS RATES.

**Manitoba and the Territories to Be Treated the Same as Eastern Canada.**

Winnipeg, March 19.—(Special.)—Commencing March 21, the C.P.R. will bring into effect in Manitoba and the Northwest Territories the same privileges in regard to round-trip rates as are allowed in Eastern Canada; that is, a passenger may purchase a round-trip ticket to any point for a fare and two-thirds, and such tickets will be good for return for one month from the date of issue. It is also said that the C.P.R. will make reductions of about 20 per cent. on all passenger rates on the Pacific Division, commencing April 1, and that local round-trip rates will also be allowed on that date. The rates for commercial travelers on all lines west of Canmore and MacLeod will be placed on a three-cent basis, this also to take effect April 1.

## THE BRIBERY IN LISGAR.

**Charges at the Assizes Drew Remarks From the Judge That Were Chilling to Petitioner.**

Winnipeg, March 19.—(Special.)—At the Assizes to-day, with regard to the charges of bribery in the Lisgar election, on behalf of Winkler, His Lordship said: "In these cases the accused are alleged to have given money to electors to induce them to vote for a particular candidate. It is to be feared that offences of this kind are only too prevalent, and it is highly desirable that those guilty of such offences should be punished. But, in the cases to which I refer, the prosecutor appears to have held himself out to be bribed in order to make the charges. The evidence is not at all strong, and I shall not press the cases upon you in a way in which I might do under other circumstances."

John Scudder of Wellwood has mysteriously disappeared. His friends are anxious.

The waterworks are in a bigger mess than ever. There is insufficient water to test the new pumps.

**Anderson for State Ownership.**

Woodstock, March 19.—The Board of Trade last night passed a resolution in favor of granting Promoter Clergue the land grants and other privileges he asks for in connection with the construction of the proposed Manitoulin and North Shore Railway. The majority of the members thought the road would be a good thing for Western Ontario. It would open up New Ontario and the settlers would purchase goods from local storekeepers. The only objector was Mr. Q. G. Anderson, who said that all new railways should be built by the Government. He believed the Government should also own all existing railroads, telegraph lines, cams and other public franchises.

**B.H. Hayden, formerly State Evangelist in New York, has a message for you in Church of Christ, Cecil St., to-night.**

**Only One Pipe Line.**

Detroit, March 19.—J. C. Donnelly of the United Gas Company declares that the company's first pipe line franchise granted in Ottawa is perpetual, and that the Provincial Government controls only the second pipe line. He says the company has not yet received the necessary three months' notice that the Government intends to shut off the second pipe line.

**BIRTHS.**

WALMSLEY—At 381 Sackville-street, Toronto, on March 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Walmsley, a daughter.

**DEATHS.**

CUMMING—At her late residence, Sixth line, Caledon, on March 15, Selpma, widow of the late John Cumming and mother of G. R. Cumming, undertaker, Toronto Junction.

Funeral on Wednesday, March 20, to Snell's Cemetery, Town line.

KERR—Archibald Osborne, son of John C. Kerr, Brandon, Man., late of Beamsville, Ont., and dearly beloved husband of Mrs. M. H. Kerr, teacher in Queen Victoria School.

Funeral at 1.30 p.m. Wednesday, 20th inst., from his late residence, Mimico, to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

McBRIDE—At her father's residence, 427½ Yonge-street, on March 18, Ellen (Nelly) McBride, in her 21st year.

Funeral Wednesday, at 2.30, to the Necropolis. Friends will please accept this intimation.

**Mr. Elbert Hubbard lectures on Thursday evening. Seats reserved at Tyrrell's**

## MR. KEMP TACKLED THE PREMIER ON PREFERENTIAL TARIFF ISSUE

### Sir Wilfrid Sharply Rebuked for Having Singled Out the Manufacturers and Called Them Tariff Tinkers—Government Laxity in Transportation Matters Shown Up.

Ottawa, March 19.—(Special.)—The debate to-day upon the mutual preference resolution offered by the leader of the Opposition added nothing new to the subject. A good speech was made by Mr. Kemp in the afternoon, after Dr. Russell had whipped the turgid stream of the Government end of the debate until the House became exhausted and practically empty.

Dr. Russell (Hants) led off with a suggestion that Mr. Clarke Wallace should visit North Bruce in the capacity of a peacemaker, to set at rest all racial and religious differences. He argued at length that Mr. Chamberlain is an unbeliever in the idea of preferential arrangements between England and the colonies. The Imperial preferential bag, as he put it, is empty. There is absolutely nothing in it under present conditions.

**Mr. Kemp After the Premier.**

Mr. A. E. Kemp tackled Sir Wilfrid Laurier on his remark that the Conservative policy of to-day is the same old National Policy. Did he expect that the Conservative party would alter its position upon the question of protection? Sir Wilfrid also reflected upon the manufacturers of Canada who asked for relief, as tariff-tinkers. People whose ambition it is to feed at the public trough; people who want Government employment; multi-millionares who are after subsidies and who infest the corridors of the House, were not made the butt of the Premier's remarks. He singled out the manufacturers of Canada and called them tariff-tinkers. It should not be necessary for the manufacturers of Canada to be making frequent pilgrimages to Ottawa to guard their interests. If the Government ignored the manufacturers of Canada, they would depopulate the country and drive the workingmen into the United States [Cheers.] The inference to be drawn from the Premier's speech is that Canada is traveling in the direction of free trade; but in the whole of Canada no financial magnate or business man could be found to endorse such a policy. [Hear, hear.]

**Figures as to Imports.**

Sixty million dollars' worth of manufactured goods are now annually imported from the United States, and half that amount comes from Great Britain. Canada should herself strive to supply the manufactured goods which she imports from the United States. Harassed by the overproduction of the United States her workingmen are compelled to go abroad. It was unworthy of the leader of the Government and his followers to decide the manufacturers, upon whose activity and progress the prosperity of the people so much depends.

**The Preference Question.**

Turning to the preference portion of the resolution, Mr. Kemp said it was a very easy thing for anyone to stand up in the House and show the difficulties that lie in the way of obtaining preferential terms in Britain. That was a destructive political idea; but it seemed to be favored by every speaker on the Government side. Mr. Kemp read extracts from the speeches of Lord Selborne, Mr. C. T. Ritchie and others, showing how far the idea of trade unity within the Empire has gained ground. Sir Wilfrid, he said, had made much of the fact that during the congress of the Associated Chambers of Commerce Lord Salisbury had not found the time opportune for the discussion of the resolution drawn up by the Toronto Board of Trade. The time was inopportune because the South African campaign was at its height, because war in China was occupying the public mind, and the elections were impending.

**An Incorrect Report.**

The Finance Minister had also made capital out of the fact that three or four Canadians who were in no way delegated by the congress had gone to Mr. Chamberlain afterwards. Mr. Kemp declared that the account of Mr. Chamberlain's opinion as read by Mr. Fielding upon the authority of the delegate from Ottawa was incorrect. He did not attempt to say what had taken place, because it was well understood by Lord Strathcona and the others present on the occasion, that nothing should be said with regard to Mr. Chamberlain's view when Lord Salisbury had found it inopportune to discuss the matter.

**Wrong to the Workingmen.**

Mr. Kemp protested that it was wrong for the Government to place the burden of the preferential tariff upon the shoulders of the workingmen of Canada. Some woolen mills had been compelled to close down as a result of that preference. That fact was brought to the notice of the Government, and all the Government had said was to ask the Opposition would they withdraw the preference that had been voluntarily given to Britain. If the Opposition thought of withdrawing it they would of course be taunted that their loyalty was only lip loyalty. Mr. Kemp believed that the relations of Canada and Great Britain had not been carefully considered at all by the present Government. It should be the duty of the Government to consider how the responsibilities of the Mother Country should be shared by Canada. Those responsibilities should be assumed, and the preference tariff dealt with on its merits. [Hear, hear.] If the Government thought that the preference was a return for the protection afforded by Great Britain, they had but a very inadequate idea of Imperial unity.

**The German Trade.**

Mr. Kemp dealt with the effect upon the German trade of British preference. Germany had discriminated against Canada, and the trade which had previously been working up fell to a little over a million last year, and had since fallen away almost altogether. Canada is taking over $8,000,000 of goods from Germany. It is the duty of the Government, he said, to tell the House what had passed with the Imperial Government in the way of straightening this matter out. If any nation in the world had treated the United States in the way Germany has treated Canada, the American people would not stand it one hour. Altho Canad is part of the British Empire, she should not tolerate this injustice any longer, but put such a tariff in operation against Germany as would meet the case.

**The Transportation Question.**

Passing on to the transportation question, Mr. Kemp failed to discern any shadow of an advantage gained so far for the producers of Canada in the way of freight rates. He dealt again with the failure of the Government to do anything for the harbor of Toronto, altho the trade of the city is greater than that of Montreal.

Reviewing the failure of the Government to protect the port of Montreal when making their bargain with the G.T.R., he said the Government had allowed the trade of Canada to benefit aliens thru lack of ordinary business foresight. In face of all these things, the Premier, previous to the late election, had stated there was no question before the country. The electors had a right to complain of that. The Government only thought of holding office; but he (Mr. Kemp) was prouder of the Conservative party because it held to its principles, than because of any concern for office. [Loud applause.]

**Slow Debate After Recess.**

A slow debate after recess stopped before 11 o'clock to-night, Charles Marcil having the floor. To-morrow is private members' day and the continuation of the debate, accordingly, goes over till Thursday. W. F. Maclean will follow Mr. Marcil, and it is expected that new interest will be developed. By arrangement the debate concludes on Monday evening next, when a division will be taken. The Government will rally its full strength to vote down the resolution.

Mr. Guthrie expressed himself to-night in favor of a fair measure of reciprocity with the United States.

Mr. Bennett went thoroly into the issue of the tariff and demonstrated that it was a protective and not a revenue tariff.

Mr. Heyd continued the debate and was followed by Dr. Roche (Marquette), who dealt with the immigration policy, and declared that from the settlers' effects being taken out of Canada it was evident the exodus was in no way abated, while there was nothing to show that many of the immigrants, brought in at large expense, stayed in the country.

Charles Marcil moved the adjournment of the debate and the House adjourned at 10 minutes to 11.

## BOTHA WILL NOT SURRENDER

### Mr. Chamberlain Informs the Commons That the Peace Terms Were Rejected.

### A LETTER TO LORD KITCHENER

**Conveyed the Decision of the Boer General and the Assumed Government.**

London, March 19.—(4.07 p.m.)—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the Colonial Secretary, has just informed the House of Commons that General Botha has rejected the peace terms offered.

General Botha, Mr. Chamberlain said, had conveyed the information in a letter to General Kitchener, in which he announced that he was not disposed to recommend the terms of peace General Kitchener was instructed to offer him to the earnest consideration of his Government. General Botha added that his Government and its chief officers entirely agreed with his view. Mr. Chamberlain added:

"I propose to lay the papers connected with the negotiations on the table to-night."

During the discussion of the composition of the Transvaal Concession Commission, Mr. Arthur B. Markham, Liberal, asserted that the commission was made up of persons affiliated with several great South African companies.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that, while he would not be influenced by South African capitalists, he was not to be precluded from using any man who happened to be connected with some capitalist in South Africa.

**Bruce Hamilton at Wepener.**

Mafeteng, Basutoland, March 18.—Monday—General Bruce Hamilton's force, which is sweeping over the southeast portion of Orange River Colony, has reached Wepener (on the frontier of Basutoland), where the troops found heavy stocks of grain and cattle. They carried away as much as possible, but had to destroy 30,000 bags of grain. The houses at Wepener were found to be intact.

**Naples Dockmen on Strike.**

Naples, March 19.—Twenty-five hundred dock laborers here have struck, refusing to discharge the French steamer Massilia, which arrived at Marseilles, March 14, from New York, and was sent on from Marseilles to Naples, on account of the strike at Marseilles.

**Turkish Baths at Pember's, 75c.**

**Cure a Cold in a Few Hours.**

Dr. Evans' Laxative Grip Capsules; no buzzing, no griping; money refunded if they fail. 25c. Bingham's Pharmacy, 133

**Sail on March 26.**

Ottawa, March 19.—The steamship Montfort, carrying 1200 Canadian recruits for the South African Constabulary, will sail from Halifax on March 26. The 900-odd men here will leave by special train for Halifax in the morning or afternoon of Saturday next, 24th inst.

**Archbishop Lewis Still Very Ill.**

New York, March 19.—The condition of Archbishop Travers Lewis of Kingston, Ont., who is ill in this city, is reported to-night to be still critical.

**In the First Ranks.**

Close attention to any subject gives you entire mastery of all the details. This rule has no exceptions and is applicable to the study of science, literature, art or trade. A close study of fur quality in all its details has placed the W. & D. Dineen Co., hatters and furriers, corner Yonge and Temperance-streets, in the first ranks of the skilled furriers of Canada, and all that is good in fur quality and in hat styles is gathered together there. Advantage should be taken now by all fur lovers of their clearing out prices, which include such lines as large full mink scarfs, made for thirteen dollars and fifty cents, and now selling at nine dollars.

**Sleet or Rain.**

Meteorological Office, Toronto, March 19.—(8 p.m.)—An important storm has developed in the Mississippi Valley, and is moving towards the lake region. Light snow has fallen to-day in parts of Ontario, and rain is now falling in the southwestern portion of the Province. The weather continues cold and wintry from Manitoba to the Maritime Provinces.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 40—54; Edmonton, 10—44; Calgary, 18—42; Prince Albert, 24 below—14; Winnipeg, 6—18; Port Arthur, 2—18; Parry Sound, 10—26; Toronto, 17—24; Ottawa, 8—18; Montreal, 6—14; Quebec, 2 below—18; Halifax, 22—32.

**Probabilities.**

**Lower Lakes—Strong winds and gales; easterly, shifting to southwesterly; milder; sleet or rain.**

Georgian Bay—Strong winds and gales; east, shifting to southwest; milder; snow, turning to sleet and rain.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Strong winds and gales; east and south; snow, turning to sleet or rain.

Lower St. Lawrence—Easterly winds, increasing to gales; snow or sleet before night.

Gulf—Fair and cold to-day; Thursday southeast winds, with snow or sleet.

Maritime—Fair and cold.

Lake Superior—Easterly to northerly gales, with snow or sleet.

Manitoba—Fine, becoming milder.

The Oak Hall Clothiers' waterproof coats are waterproof. Prices $3.50 to $12.

**STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.**

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| Vancouver | Liverpool | Portland |
| Southwark | Antwerp | New York |