

DRAFTING A BASIS OF UNION

NEWFOUNDLAND SATISFIED THAT TERMS CAN BE ARRANGED.

Conference held yesterday. A New Brunswick industry. Expectation of France Milk to Britain—Influx of United States Settlers into Alberta—Two Conservative Annual Meetings.

Ottawa, April 8.—There was no conference between representatives of Canada and Newfoundland to-day, each side being engaged in the drafting of a basis of union for submission to the full conference.

Reports received at the Interior Department indicate an active immigration movement into Northern Alberta this spring. During the month of March, 370 settlers have arrived and settled north of Calgary, and this in the month when nothing more than locating the land and perhaps getting out a few logs or fence rails can possibly be done.

The Department of Trade and Commerce has received a report from its correspondent in Norway, Mr. Soutmann, a Christiania, in which he makes mention of the growth of the exportation of frozen milk from Norway to Great Britain.

Undermanning of Ships. In a letter received by the Marine Department from Mr. Smith, Deputy Minister, he states that Sir Edward Galt, chairman of the departmental enquiry into the undermanning of ships, is at present down with the influenza, and consequently the committee is unable to prepare its report.

Religious Ottawa Indignant. Considerable controversy has been aroused in this city from the fact that Mrs. Langtry is billed here for a one-night stand on Good Friday. The lady, who is an adherent of the selection of the night for the presentation of Mrs. Langtry's play, has been very strongly condemned by some of the Anglican and Roman Catholic clergy.

Notes. Sir Donald Smith arrived from Montreal this evening, and had a short interview with the Premier. Minister of Militia Dickie returns to Ottawa from Nova Scotia.

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Hotel Del Monte, Preston Springs. A comfortable heated room, board and mineral baths at \$3 per week. You will be benefited by a change. Write for a pamphlet.

INCOME TAX REVENUE HALVED

PORTIONS OF THE LAW DECLARED TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Tax on Rents from Real Estate is a Direct Tax, and a Tax on Municipal and State Bonds Declared to be Unconstitutional—The Decision Will Reduce the Revenue Fifteen Millions.

Washington, April 8.—The decision of the Supreme Court on the income tax law was rendered to-day. Chief Justice Fuller read the decision, the question whether or not the tax on rents from real estate is a tax on real estate, and announced that the court has decided that it is a tax on real estate, and therefore a direct tax, and as provided for in the law unconstitutional.

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JOE MARTIN GOING TO HALDIMAND

He and Mr. Sifton Will Speak for McCarthy—Manitoba Local Option Declared Ultra Vires.

Winnipeg, April 9.—The long-pending fight between the liquor men and prohibitionists ended to-day disastrously to the latter. The judge of the Court of Queen's Bench to-day handed down a decision quashing the local option bylaws passed by several Manitoba municipalities, holding that the province cannot prohibit the sale of liquor, the legislation being ultra vires.

Firebugs are causing much alarm and trouble in Regina. Several incendiary fires have been started, one resulting in the destruction of the Court House, and last night Rielly Bros' planing mill had a narrow escape.

A Conservative convention for Selkirk constituency will open in Winnipeg to-morrow. George Bradbury of Ottawa is running as a Conservative, but a section of the party oppose him.

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THE FIGHT IN HALDIMAND

POSSIBILITY OF A PATRON ENTERING THE CONTEST.

D'Alton McCarthy to Address Three Meetings—Fighting Joe Martin to Give Assistance—Conservatives Expect Dr. Montague's Majority to Be Counted Only by Hundreds.

Caledonia, Ont., April 8.—The election fight between Hon. Dr. Montague and Mr. Jeffrey is on in earnest. Mr. Jeffrey, McCarthy's opponent, has made Caledonia his headquarters, and consequently there is more stir here than in any other part of the country.

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