

### NEW CENTRES OF STRENGTH NEEDED

#### MILNER DEALS WITH IMPERIAL PROBLEMS

##### Conception of Empire—Mutual Helpfulness for Common Good.

In a sane and statesmanlike manner, as only was to be expected of a man of such high attainments as Viscount Milner, the former High Commissioner for South Africa dealt with some aspects of the imperialist problem in an address before the Canadian Club in University Convocation Hall Tuesday night, says the Toronto Globe. It was an address of the highest order, and of the greatest of the heritage which has descended to the present generation and of the responsibilities which that heritage involves. Throughout the wide-spread and scattered self-governing states and dependencies which are combined in a somewhat haphazard manner under the name of the British Empire there is no more arduous task than that of Lord Milner. He is possessed of a large enthusiasm for the work to which he has devoted a large portion of his life and which has brought him fame and fame as a statesman. His address was not marred by hastily-drawn conclusions. He admitted the difficulties of the problems, indeed, took pains to clearly set before his hearers some of those difficulties and the reasons for their existence, and then in simple language modestly advanced his opinion as to how they might be met.

Central Executive Council. Lord Milner takes the view that the creation of a central executive council was not the commencing point of imperial federation. He urges that the various self-governing states should in their mutual interest avail themselves of the opportunities ready at hand. Particularly interesting was the manner in which he dealt with the important question of imperial defence, and his outlining of existing conditions in the manner in which they might be met was a masterly exposition.

One of the remarkable features of the gathering was the manner in which Lord Milner was received. Expression of the appreciation of the service which he has rendered to the Empire was given by the entire gathering rising to their feet on his entrance, and on his advancing to reply to a vote of thanks there was a similarly remarkable demonstration. Lord Milner in this manner was acknowledged, as it is the lot of few public men to be acknowledged, as a man who had "done things."

Requested to Stand and Deliver. Lord Milner with quiet humor, said he wished it to be understood that he was not volunteering his opinions, but by Canadian Clubs throughout the Empire had been called upon to stand and deliver. The subject he desired to discuss was political in nature. He almost desired to apologize for speaking on a political question after a hot-tempered dinner, but he could assure them that his subject had nothing whatever to do with the subject which at present forms the staple politics in Canada. The object of his visit to Canada, he explained, in so far as it was not a purely private one, was to become acquainted with the country and the opinions of its people. From that point of view his visit had been an unmitigated success.

Conceptions of Empire. Proceeding with his address, Lord Milner said he took it for granted that there was a predominant desire in Canada to maintain, and if possible improve, the relations between the Dominion and the motherland. "Underlying that desire," he said, "is the conception, imperfectly grasped perhaps, but growing constantly more defined and stronger, the conception of the Empire as an organic whole, consisting no doubt of nations completely independent in their local affairs and possessing distinct individuality, but still having certain great ideals and objects in common, by virtue of which they are capable of having a common policy and a common life. As to how that life was to be attained opinions differed.

Co-operation True Bond of Union. "My own view is that if people already friendly and closely related are anxious of becoming more friendly and more closely related, to develop a greater intimacy and interdependence, the only way for them to do something together. (Applause.) To do a big thing if possible, but in any case to do things of some moment and things that are worth doing; to take up this by actually beginning to co-operate on the problems immediately before them. Difference of opinion as to the future constitution of the Empire should not prevent them working together. Let them utilize the instruments which lay to their hands, for it was only by so doing that they could learn to make better tools. It was his intention to take another opportunity to deal with the question of trade relations, and his desire that night was to draw attention to the subject of co-operation for defence. He did not like the way in which the case was sometimes put, as an appeal that the self-governing states should relieve the motherland of some portion of the burden. He thought there was something in the argument that the United Kingdom, even if the self-governing states were to separate, would require the same naval and military strength if India and the great dependencies were retained.

Fresh Centres of Strength. "I think," he said, referring to the self-governing states, "that even under present conditions their membership in the Empire adds more to its collective strength than they add to their protection adds to its responsibilities." He welcomed proposals such as those of Australia to establish a national militia and laying the foundation of a fleet. "Not as effecting relief to the United Kingdom, but as adding to the strength and dignity of the Empire as a whole, to its influence and its well as to its security in

case of war. It is not a question of shifting burdens, but of developing fresh centres of strength." He had no sympathy with the view that individual strength would make for separation, but he believed that as the states grew in power they would feel a greater desire to share in the responsibilities and glory of Empire.

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The true line of progress is for the younger nations to be brought to face themselves, however gradual and however piecemeal, with the problem of the defence of the Empire, to undertake a bit of it, so to speak, for themselves, always provided that whatever they do be it much or little, is done for the Empire as a whole." He thought Mr. Haldane's idea of a general staff of the Empire an idea of great value. "It is an address of the highest order, and of the greatest of the heritage which has descended to the present generation and of the responsibilities which that heritage involves. Throughout the wide-spread and scattered self-governing states and dependencies which are combined in a somewhat haphazard manner under the name of the British Empire there is no more arduous task than that of Lord Milner. He is possessed of a large enthusiasm for the work to which he has devoted a large portion of his life and which has brought him fame and fame as a statesman. His address was not marred by hastily-drawn conclusions. He admitted the difficulties of the problems, indeed, took pains to clearly set before his hearers some of those difficulties and the reasons for their existence, and then in simple language modestly advanced his opinion as to how they might be met.

Proceeding, he said: "In any tariff-making commission the aid of men from any British countries which already have widespread tariffs would be invaluable." The great value of British citizenship was touched upon by the speaker, who expressed his belief that there should be a common system for naturalization, but that the conditions under which naturalization could be obtained should not be too easy. The component parts of the Empire were doing more for mutual helpfulness than formerly, but "will not enough."

He deprecated the fact that the citizens of the Empire did not read more of the doings of their fellows, but hoped that with cheaper rates for mailed literature, such interest would be given improved opportunities for obtaining information. The self-governing colonies had already on an occasion of grave emergency contributed to the safety of the Empire. In the South African war it was not only the forces actually sent from the self-governing states, important and valuable as they were, but it was the effect of the safety of the Empire, the diplomatic situation throughout the world which was of the greatest value. For similar reasons he desired to see them develop their defensive strength.

In conclusion Lord Milner said that when he contemplated the British Empire and its great potentialities as a factor in the march of progress, "I do not feel inclined to wave a flag or sing 'Rule Britannia,' but rather to go into a corner and pray."

**EMBALMED CORPSE FOUND IN WHITE RIVER**

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 3.—Coroner Stewart believes the finding of the embalmed trunk of a woman in the White river, near Buckley, last Friday, reveals a deep murder mystery. He returned last night from Buckley, where he spent the day investigating the case, and notified the prosecuting attorney of the discovery. The body was found by two fishermen, and what mystified all who have seen it is the excellent manner in which the body was embalmed.

The head, both arms and the left leg are missing. Coroner Stewart believes the body was carried to Buckley in a trunk or suit case and there thrown into the river. He made careful inquiries, but no woman had been reported missing in all the White river region above Buckley. He thinks it barely possible that the trunk is that of an Indian woman, who may have been drowned and no report made.

"This, however," said he, "is not likely, because the explanation does not account for the embalming of the body. It is barely possible that the body, if the case is one of accidental drowning, may have been exposed to chemical properties in the water that produced the embalming effect. I believe the person met death at least six months ago."

The total number of women who failed in business in the United Kingdom last year was 28, as compared with 204 in 1906. Five is the sacred number of failures, who have five primary colors and musical tones, five ranks of nobility, and five cardinal points and virtues.

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### VISIT ENJOYED BY EARL GREY

#### OKANAGAN DELIGHTED THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

##### Warm Words of Praise Are Used in Discussing Trip.

Earl Grey, the governor-general, appears to have enjoyed his recent visit to the interior of British Columbia to the fullest extent. It will be remembered that on his visit to the coast a few years ago he was equally enraptured. Respecting his visit to the Okanagan he has written Premier McBride as follows:

Government House, Ottawa, October 18, 1908.

Dear Mr. McBride: I have just returned to Ottawa from my trip to the west, and my first letter must be one of thanks to you for the gift I received from your beautiful province. In the shape of one of the most delightful holidays I have ever enjoyed, since I first began to enjoy my holidays, nearly fifty years ago.

My first week was spent in visiting various fruit farms at Grand Forks, Kelowna, Penticton, Summerland, Kelowna, Coldstream and the Kootenays.

Thanks to the kind arrangements made for me by the C. P. R., who were good enough to place their very comfortable steamers at my disposal, and the N. W. M. P. horses, which I brought with me, I was able to cover much ground in little time.

Wherever I went I found the same enthusiasm and confidence in the future of the fruit industry. With irrigation, transportation and labor secured, that country cannot fail to become a country filled with happy, prosperous, beautiful homes. I have travelled much, but I have never seen any district which offers in a greater degree a combination of the most delightful climate, beautiful scenery, rich land and convenient situation.

Your orchard at Penticton was pointed out to me. The view from it on the lovely evening on which I visited it was so peaceful and beautiful that I much envy you the happiness that I store for you when you can spare the time to live there.

After a brief contemplation of the happy future awaiting your orchard and vineyard, I decided to follow the advice of Mr. Oliver, of Proctor, a gentleman who has travelled in the Okanagan valley, and to try the trail from Kootenay lake to the Columbia river. He informed me that he had tramped over nearly every valley in southern British Columbia, and that he had travelled by this trail there is a large number of beautiful and interesting of them all.

We left Kelowna on the morning of October 4th, the trail passing along the edge of a deep and precipitous canyon of great beauty, through a fine cedar forest. We remained for the night in a camp, which had been prepared for me, four miles short of the summit. The night was very cold, and we were surrounded by snow-covered peaks, were so beautiful that I much regretted I had not time to remain there and explore.

Next morning we proceeded on our tramp down the trail till the head of the wagon road was reached at 12:45. Here we found a comfortable but tenacious trip, in which we made our selves at home, helping ourselves to a good meal out of the inviting and unprotected stores. Mr. Oliver, accompanied by my nephew, who did not feel inclined to wave a flag or sing "Rule Britannia," but rather to go into a corner and pray."

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### CITY COUNCIL DOES MUCH WORK

#### MYSTERIOUS MOVING OF FENCES AND SIDEWALKS

##### Fairfield Road Owner Protests—To Welcome Arctic Brotherhood.

The city engineer and building inspector reported on the request of the Sylvester company for permission to erect a permanent awning over the sidewalk in front of their premises on Yates street, that it would be contrary to the by-laws unless special sanction was given, that such awnings should be restricted to the wholesale districts and that in any case ten feet was too low for an awning over the whole sidewalk where it was so wide. It was decided to grant the permission asked and a similar answer will be given E. G. Prior & Co. J. Musgrave again wrote on behalf of the association.

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