

## TORIES PLAN REVERSAL OF LABOR TARIFF POLICY

Baldwin Announces Move For Return of Duties Dropped by MacDonald, and Draws Fire of Both Liberals and Labor, Who Fear Enforcement of Protective Policy.

### CHURCHILL LENDS SUPPORT TO PREMIER

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Dec. 17.—The House of Commons this evening adopted the king's address. Previously, by a vote of 339 to 151, the chamber defeated the official Liberal amendment to the address, offered by William Wedgwood Benn, which characterized the government's Imperial preference policy as disbonest.

During the debate both Premier Baldwin and Chancellor of the Exchequer Churchill addressed the House. The premier said an improvement in the general situation in Europe was essential to good trade and that the British government must give its aid to help Europe regain economic confidence.

It was the intention of his government, he added, to place before the House the resolution of the last Imperial conference, which involved a reduction in duties.

Churchill supports Mr. Baldwin's ideas, which he said would be placed before the Commons in a bill for enactment at the proper time.

Premier Baldwin today outlined somewhat briefly and vaguely the British government's intentions of reversing the policy of the late MacDonald government, which on the ground that they were of a protective tendency, abolished a number of war duties imposed on various commodities during the safeguarding of industries act.

Mr. Baldwin repudiated the idea of using the safeguarding of industries act as a wedge to introduce a protective tariff, and admitted that taxation of food was not practical policy. He also stipulated that any industries requiring to be safeguarded must be of importance and not of a nature to be suffering from competition through depreciation of exchange rates, or through depressed labor conditions in competing countries.

The premier suggested submitting the question of landed duties and the tariff to a committee, which he said first should deal with meat and fruit. These articles could not be dealt with by taxes, but he hoped to devise some plan by which, without taxing the food of the British people it might be possible to benefit the course of trade for the benefit of the empire.

Were Not Proven.  
It was argued by Mr. Baldwin that the labor government abolished certain duties. These duties had not been in force long enough to prove accurately their value. He proposed that any duty levied under the safeguarding of industries act should be a general and not a particular duty.

Discrimination duties against particular countries had their drawbacks in working, while a general tariff, which was the favored nations clause in treaties.

The premier was strongly attacked by the late Chancellor of the Exchequer, Philip Snowden, and former Premier Lloyd George. Mr. Lloyd George declared the premier had announced a general tariff and had announced a method was not a very straightforward way of imposing a tariff.

Mr. Snowden said that unless the premier more fully explained his plan he could say that it was the most impracticable and the most suggestion that ever emanated from the brain even of a tariff reformer.

Mr. Baldwin in the course of his speech had proposed that the cash equivalent of any benefit that would be lost to the empire through the dropping of food duties, should be devoted to projects for developing the trade of the empire and marketing, and that this amount would aggregate millions of pounds yearly.

Charge Subvention.  
Mr. Snowden criticized this proposal as reducing the subvention of the empire to cash value—holding the empire together by subvention.

How Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who is a free trader, would regard the government's policy on this question was awaited with the keenest interest by the members of the House. Mr. Churchill's answer was that the government was not prepared to decline at the present stage to be drawn into definitions and the exact clauses and specifications, which would be introduced in the proposed bill at the proper time.

Mr. Churchill said that the bill must be very carefully drawn to preclude it becoming, in Premier Baldwin's words, a wedge to introduce a general tariff. It must be clearly limited, therefore, to a minimum number of industries. This, the chancellor added, was no deep-lying plot and there was no ulterior motive behind it except the necessary reason for reconciling the principle of safeguarding with the most favored nation principle.

It was stated unofficially tonight that the idea Mr. Baldwin advanced of spending a million pounds yearly is to stimulate empire exports of meat and fruit to Great Britain by

## LONDON MAY GET ANOTHER MEMBER

Hamilton, Ottawa and Toronto Also in Line For Increase.

### MAY PRESENT BILL

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Toronto, Dec. 17.—Referring to the possibility of the question of redistribution occupying a prominent place on the legislative agenda at the forthcoming session of the Ontario legislature, it is reported today that the issue is under preparation and the bill may be whipped into shape within the next few weeks.

Newspapers report an interview with Premier G. H. Ferguson on the subject, which, in part, is as follows: "If it is decided to go ahead with redistribution this session the aim of the government would be to equalize the constituencies without increasing the number of members any more than is necessary. There will be an increase in the number of seats to which some urban centers are entitled. This might necessitate making a few more rural seats as well, to keep a proper balance."

Replying to a question, the premier intimated definitely that plans so far put forward, advocate increasing the number of seats in Toronto.

Hamilton, London and Ottawa are said to be in line for increases of at least one member each in their representation, while considerable readjustments are spoken of for Northern Ontario, the details for which has not been worked out.

## COUNTY IS URGED TO BUILD ROADS

Hon. George S. Henry Stresses Fact That Perth Has Small Debt.

Special to The Advertiser.  
Stratford, Dec. 17.—The Stratford-Shakespeare section of the Toronto-Sarnia provincial highway was officially opened for traffic this afternoon by Hon. George S. Henry, minister of highways, at an interesting ceremony in the village of Shakespeare.

The opening of this link, the first to be paved this year, leaves only six miles of unpaved road between Stratford and Shakespeare, and this, the minister intimated, would probably be paved next year, as it is already an improved road.

Rev. J. A. Brown, chairman of the local committee in charge of arrangements, presided at the opening ceremony and also at the banquet which followed. The speakers, an elaborately-casual party, which were used to cut the ribbon, were presented to Hon. Mr. Henry by John A. Fraser, one of the oldest residents of the locality, who is now in his 90th year.

The road was opened to the school children marched over the new section of highway and sang patriotic songs.

An elaborate banquet was served in the old temperance hall, which is located almost at the apex of the section of land around which the first road was built in this part of the county.

More Roads Wanted.  
Possibly the outstanding feature of the program at the banquet was the number of requests filed at the minister of highways for more provincial highways in Perth county.

He was asked to take over roads totalling in all about 100 miles within the county. These included the old Mornington road, serving Milverton, Listowel and other towns to the north; the remainder of the Huron road up to Goderich, a road from Mitchell to Listowel and the road from Shakespeare to Tavistock.

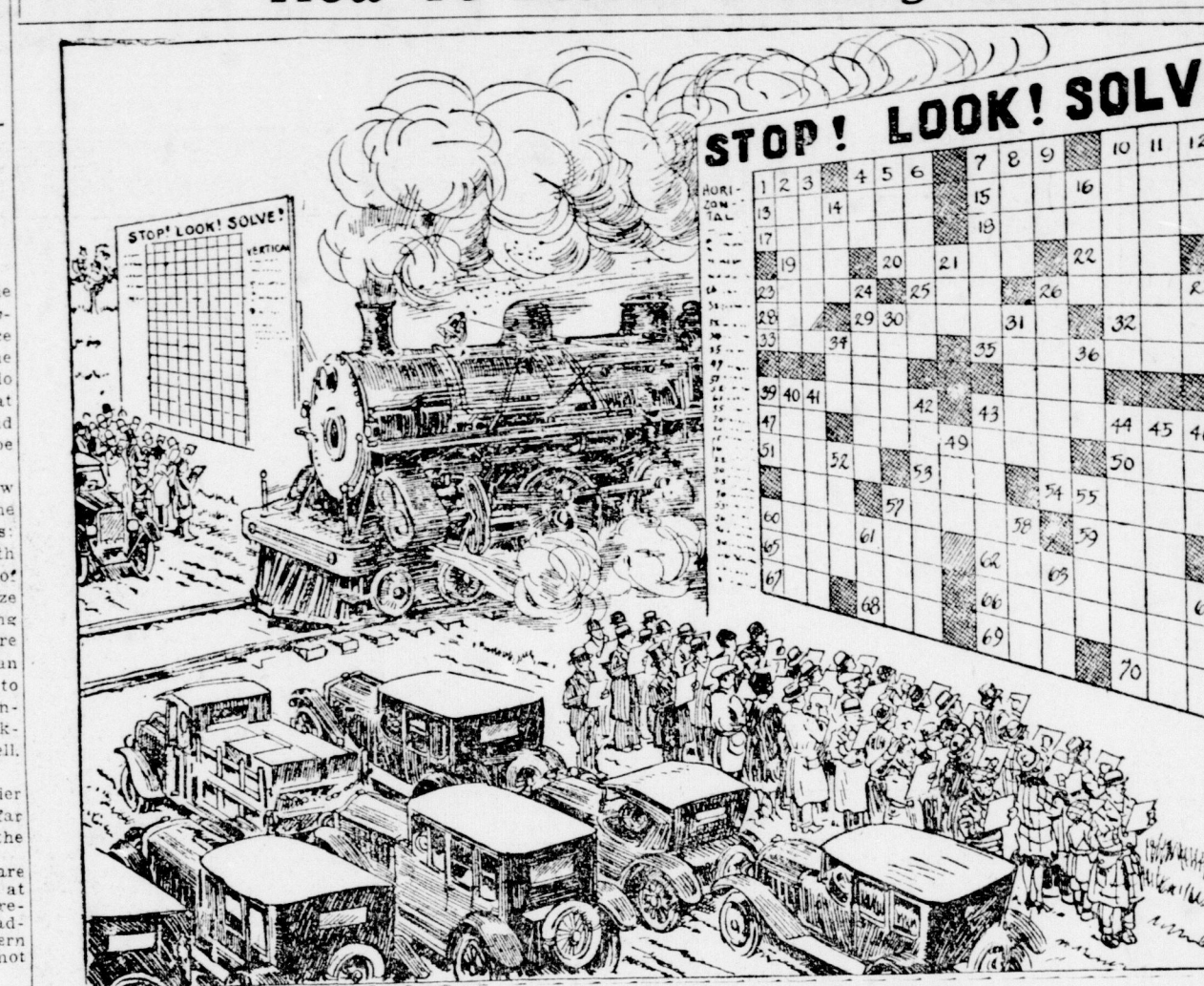
In reply to this, Hon. Mr. Henry said that there was no chance of the government assuming any more roads. When the report of the advisory committee on highways is received, he intimated that there would be an extension of the provincial system in all probability.

Debt Small.  
He suggested that Perth county get busy and build some permanent roads of its own. He pointed out that the county had no road debts or any debts of any account, and that the county might very well assume the debt of improving the roads feeding the main highways.

Other Speakers.  
Other speakers included: Reeve James Stewart of North Easthope; Reeve Jacob Kalkbrenner of South Easthope; C. J. Warden Thomas Boyes of Downie; Reeve F. Debus of New Hamburg; Mayor Brown of Stratford; A. F. Flinn, president of the chamber of commerce; R. T. Orr, chairman of highway committee of the county; McCausland, chairman of highway committee of the county; Wm. Irvine, M.L.A. for South Perth; Dr. J. P. Rankin, M.P. for North Perth; Dr. J. D. Monteith, M.A. for North Perth; and S. L. Squires, deputy minister of highways.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE.  
Canadian Press Despatch.  
Walla Walla, Dec. 17.—The Salvation Army hall was crowded to capacity on Tuesday evening for the annual Christmas tree and party. A large and attractive program was presented. Santa Claus distributed the many gifts from the Christmas tree. Prizes for Sunday school were presented to 20 members. Ensign Tucker of Dresden officiated as chairman. Salvation Army band started their Christmas serenading this evening.

## How To Lessen Crossing Accidents



—Drawn by Albert Levering in the New York Tribune.

## Sixteen Horses Die After Feast

Valuable Animals Succumb To Orgy of Eating.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Regina, Sask., Dec. 17.—Sixteen valuable horses, worth approximately \$2,500, have died in the Colgate district as a result of an orgy of eating. The animals had been eating grain and were left in the lumberyard with the grain. During the week-end the horses got at the grain with fatal consequences.

## PROVINCIAL AID ASKED FOR HOUSES OF REFUGE

Deputation Will Make Appeal For Restoration of Grants.

Special to The Advertiser.  
Woodstock, Dec. 17.—An Oxford county will send Warden Peterson to Toronto as one of the delegates from Ontario counties, who will meet the provincial secretary to urge that the grants of 10 cents per day for inmates of houses of refuge be restored.

These grants were paid in part of 1923, all of 1922 and part of 1924, but were discontinued by the present government. About a month ago a large delegation waited on the provincial secretary on the matter, but he was not ready to discuss it, and asked that a committee be appointed to consult him at a later date.

James Haslett.  
James Haslett, a resident of this city for the past 40 years, died today. He was 58 years of age, and was born in the north of Ireland. Survivors are the widow, one son and two daughters.

E. Basil Pronger.  
E. Basil Pronger died today after an illness extending over six weeks. Mr. Pronger was born in England 39 years ago, but lived in Oxford nearly all his life. He was employed on the C. N. R. for 15 years. Surviving are the widow and two sons, Cecil and Reggie.

## NINETIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PARISH AT GODERICH

Bishop Williams Officiates at Dedication of Parish Hall.

Special to The Advertiser.  
Goderich, Dec. 17.—Last night Rev. David Williams, bishop of Huron, visited St. George's parish on the occasion of the opening of the new parish house.

He conducted a dedicatory service in St. George's church, and was assisted by the rector, Rev. S. S. Hardy. The service was choral and was also the 90th anniversary of the founding of St. George's parish.

The new building, erected on the site immediately in the rear of the church building, includes the complete renovation of the Sunday school. A large and attractive program was presented. Santa Claus distributed the many gifts from the Christmas tree. Prizes for Sunday school were presented to 20 members. Ensign Tucker of Dresden officiated as chairman. Salvation Army band started their Christmas serenading this evening.

SIMCOE PASTOR ACCEPTS CALL TO ST. MARYS CHURCH  
Special to The Advertiser.  
St. Marys, Dec. 17.—Rev. Thomas Green of the St. James' Methodist church, Simcoe, has accepted a call to the St. Marys Methodist church, as successor to Rev. C. E. Knowles, who has accepted a call to the Methodist church, Woodstock. The change will not likely take place until next June.

## CROSS WORD PUZZLE NO. 56

Here is a pretty little charmer which has the advantage of being made up of short words familiar to all who read newspapers. There are a couple of easy abbreviations and two or three well-known poetic words.

Each number in the puzzle indicates the position of the first letter of a word.

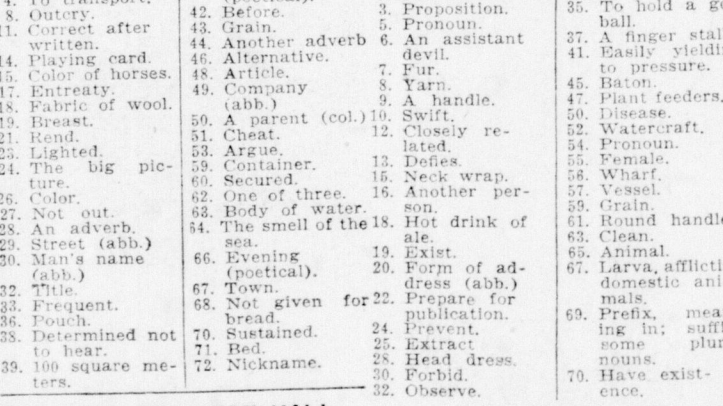
Each word reads from left to right (horizontal) or downward (vertical) according to position. Lettered in correctly, words that cross will interlock.

Each number in the white squares also refers to a definition in the accompanying table.

Each definition suggests a word possessing the exact number of letters to fit the white squares allotted to it.

Each white space is to receive one letter only. Words starts only in numbered squares.

THE ADVERTISER'S DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.



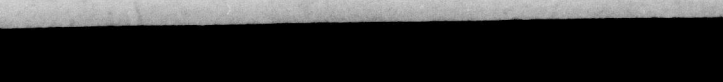
HORIZONTAL.

1. The game.
2. To transport.
3. Outpost.
4. Before.
5. Correct after.
6. An assistant.
7. Playing card.
8. Color of horses.
9. Company.
10. Fabric of wool.
11. Breast.
12. Sound.
13. Lighted.
14. The big pie.
15. Not out.
16. An adverb.
17. Street (abb.)
18. Body's name (abb.)
19. Tilt.
20. Frequent.
21. Pouch.
22. Determined not.
23. Bed.
24. 100 square meters.
25. Evening.
26. Town.
27. Not given for bread.
28. Sustained.
29. Secured.
30. Nickname.
31. Do not.
32. Proposition.
33. Pronoun.
34. An assistant.
35. A finger stall.
36. Easily yielding.
37. To breathe.
38. Baton.
39. Plant feeders.
40. Female.
41. Closely related.
42. Defies.
43. Neat wrap.
44. Another person.
45. The drink of sea.
46. Exist.
47. Form of address.
48. Prepare for publication.
49. Extract.
50. Head dress.
51. Prohibit.
52. Observe.

VERTICAL.

1. Used to propel.
2. To vex.
3. To hold a golf bag in.
4. A finger stall.
5. Easily yielding.
6. To breathe.
7. Baton.
8. Plant feeders.
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SOLUTION TO NO. 55.



## Sixty-Two Below Recorded In West

Severe Weather Causes Closing of Schools.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Saskatoon, Sask., Dec. 17.—With a temperature recorded last night of 62 degrees below zero, Red Deer, Alberta, has decided to close its public schools until the weather moderates, according to a despatch received here.

## WALLACEBURG FIREMEN SUBJECT TO CRITICISM

Council Committee Named To Check Up Attendance at Fires.

Special to The Advertiser.  
Wallaceburg, Dec. 17.—The town council made extra grants of \$100 each to the concert band, horticultural society and public library. Reeve Hinegan, chairman of finance, reported the taxes as coming in fairly well. Deputy Reeve Sherwood, chairman of waterworks, hoped that next year it would be possible to install a large number of water meters. Chairman of Police Shirley advised that a tree on Duncan street could now be cut down. He also expressed his appreciation for the co-operation which he had received during the past year from the members of the police department.

A discussion took place regarding the payment of the usual grants to members of the fire department. Deputy Reeve Sherwood was opposed to the payments being made in several cases, claiming that some of the members rarely attended a fire. He felt that a thorough check should be kept of all attendances at fires and firesmen's meetings. A committee was appointed, comprising Deputy Reeve Sherwood, Reeve Hinegan, Mayor Richardson and Chairman of Fire Department, to investigate and settle with the firemen for the past year.

The new council will meet on Monday, January 13, in the morning.

## SUCCESSFUL YEAR CLOSED BY BEEF ASSOCIATION

Special to The Advertiser.  
Forest, Dec. 17.—The annual meeting of the Ridge Tree beef association was held in the factory on Tuesday evening. The season was successful, 18,083 lbs. of beef being handled. William Trick, the association butcher, resigned, and Henry Trick was appointed to the position. Officers were re-elected: President, Angus McInnes; vice-president, James Gordon; secretary-treasurer, John Dalziel; managers, A. McGinnis, A. Carmichael and John Dallas.

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## FERGUSON NAMES HEAD OF FINANCES

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### INITIAL SALARY \$6000

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Toronto, Dec. 17.—The government of Ontario has appointed a financial controller for the province. In a statement late today Premier G. H. Ferguson announced that F. Martin Turnbull, said to have had wide experience as a chartered accountant in England and Canada, had been named for the position. The duties of Mr. Turnbull will include that of assistant treasurer of the province, a position formerly held by Charles Matthews, now serving a sentence of two years in Portsmouth penitentiary, in connection with the Ontario government bond scandal. The initial salary was given at \$6,000 per annum.

The appointment is the fulfillment of a policy announced by the premier shortly after he was elected to office, when he declared his intention of seeing that the routine of the province's financing was placed under expert supervision.

The premier and Provincial Treasurer Price have decided that the current need of the public service of the province is an expert accountant in order to provide against a recurrence of mistakes in financial matters which experience has shown can only be avoided by the use of expert knowledge at critical periods.

## ASKS DISMISSAL OF BANKER'S CASE

Counsel For R. P. Gough Claims Crown Failed To Prove Charge.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Toronto, Dec. 17.—Contending that the crown prosecutor had failed to prove that R. P. Gough, Home Bank director, had committed a crime, Mr. Gough's counsel today asked Judge Cowart to throw out the charge against his client.

Mr. Tilley also contended that the late president, as well as the late manager, for some time had been involving the bank in loans and transactions which they never would have disclosed to any board of directors of any bank, and it was these deals of which Director Gough had had no knowledge which had led up to the bank's failure.

Mr. Tilley argued that the crown had failed to establish a case either in regard to the late president or the late manager under section 42 of the bank act as it then stood, or in regard to the annual statement under section 54 of the bank act as it then stood.

He submitted that there had been no connection whatever between Mr. Gough and the annual statement. He was not present at the meeting of the directors that approved the statement, nor was he present at the annual meeting of the shareholders, as he had been in England at the time.

"I submit that the crown has not put in any evidence that was proper against the directors or against Mr. Gough," said Mr. Tilley.

The crown had presented what purported to be Mr. Gough's signature in an attendance book, and at that point the proof had stopped. Mr. Tilley maintained that the transaction attacked by the crown had for the most part never occurred before the directors, despite any entries in any alleged minute books. Daily had managed to purchase control of the bank.

"From the minute he got into that position he commenced to go into transactions that, without any doubt, never came before the board of directors," declared Mr. Tilley.

## DORCHESTER LADIES' AID OFFICERS ARE ELECTED

Dorchester, Dec. 17.—The annual meeting of the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid was held at the residence of Mrs. John Talbot yesterday. The treasurer, Mrs. L. Brodie, reported that \$457 had been raised during the year. The following officers were re-elected: President, Mrs. Thomas McFarlane; vice-president, Miss Jennie Strathairn; secretary-treasurer, Miss Lexie Brodie.

## L. O. B. A. OFFICERS.

Forest, Dec. 17.—Officers elected in the Forest L. O. B. A. were: W. M. Mrs. George Hall; D. M. Mrs. George Smith; chaplain, Mrs. John Peden; R. S. Mrs. Smith; F. S. Mrs. Smith; treasurer, Mrs. O. Lane; lecturer, Mrs. Hugh Freese; inside guard, Mrs. William Gammie; outside guard, Mrs. G. Gilmore; guards, Robert Pope, committee, Mrs. William Stonehouse, Mrs. Kilmer, Mrs. Leighton, Mrs. Scott and Luella Shannon.

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**CONSERVATIVES DECIDE TO DROP HYPHEN IN NAME**  
Canadian Press Despatch.  
Winnipeg, Dec. 17.—Discarding the hyphenated name of "Liberal-Conservative" was decided upon by the delegates who represented every constituency in Manitoba but one, at the Conservative convention held here today. There was considerable debate before the motion approving of the name of the Conservative Association of Manitoba was carried by a large majority.

**ICE BLOCKS RIVER.**  
Canadian Press Despatch.  
Quebec, Dec. 17.—A solid blockade of ice extending for a line of 43 miles from Three Rivers to Contrecoeur was reported here this morning, and the residents along the banks of the St. Lawrence river in that locality are preparing to build the regular winter roads between the north and south shores. There is no rise and fall of the tide west of Three Rivers.