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SPEAKER BRODEUR CALLED TO CABINET
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Ottawa Circles Take It for Granted That the Elections Will Be on Before a Session.

MATTER TO BE SETTLED TO-DAY

Ottawa, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Important results attended the meeting of the cabinet to-day. Every Minister with the exception of Sir Frederick Borden was present. Unanimous assent to holding the elections this year was given, tho a difference of opinion regarding the best date will necessitate another cabinet meeting to-morrow to fix it definitely. The majority opinion favors a day in the last week of February, but that may be changed to-morrow when the matter comes up.

Cabinet Change.

But the most important business transacted was the appointment of the Hon. M. E. Bernier as a member of the Railway Commission, and the admission to the cabinet of Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Speaker of the House of Commons, and Minister of Inland Revenue. Mr. Bernier's nomination for the Railway Commission has been long contemplated, as he has not felt particularly at home as a cabinet minister, either in his department or in the House. His appointment gives a representative on the commission to the French-Canadian element in Canada. As a thoroughgoing French-Canadian Liberal he will be acceptable to all classes in Quebec. The he has not shown brilliancy as Minister of Inland Revenue, yet he has won the reputation of being a painstaking and reliable chief of his department and an unswerving follower of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The Hon. Mr. Tarte has called him more of a farmer than a statesman.

One to Be Filled.

Mr. Bernier's appointment leaves only one position on the commission to be filled. The Hon. A. G. Blair has been made chairman, and the Maritime Provinces are supposed to be satisfied. Ontario and the west are still to be considered. The resignation of J. W. Leonard from the C.P.R. some time ago was taken as an indication that he would be called to the Railway Commission. The impression grows here that this indication will soon be announced as a reality. His knowledge of railway affairs acquired in the white heat of active work would seem to put him as an expert, and at least one practical railway man, it would seem, should be on the commission to give it a creditable tone.

Lemieux Mentioned.

Speaker Brodeur's call to the cabinet is not unexpected. It has been accepted for years that he was available cabinet timber. But his admission at this time is taken as absolute assurance that the government is going to the country before a session is called. His resignation of the position as first commoner of the land, will necessitate the selection of a new Speaker when the House meets. Who that will be is still conjecture. It is not considered probable that Dr. Macdonald, M.P., the Deputy Speaker, will be promoted. The name most conjured with is that of R. Lemieux, M.P., whose claims on the party have ever been pressed by popular opinion in Quebec.

Born of Patriot Parents.

Hon. Louis Philippe Brodeur, Speaker of the House of Commons, is the son of Toussaint Brodeur, a "patriot" of 1837, and was born at Belœil, P.Q., Aug. 21, 1862. He was educated at St. Hyacinthe College and graduated as a Bachelor of Laws from Laval University. Called to the bar in 1884, he practised law in partnership with E. Lareau, the well-known writer, and more recently with R. Dandurand. In 1896 he became one of the editors of Le Soir, Montreal. He entered parliament in the general election of 1891 as member for Rouville and was re-elected in 1896, being chosen Deputy-Speaker on the assembling of the House. A pronounced free trader, he also favors the political independence of Canada.

Known as a Farmer.

Hon. Michel Esdras Bernier, Minister of Inland Revenue in the Dominion cabinet, was born at St. Hyacinthe, Quebec, Sept. 27, 1841, the son of the late Eugène Bernier. He was educated at St. Hyacinthe Seminary, and was admitted to practice as a notary in 1867. He afterwards engaged in farming, and for some years has been president of the St. Hyacinthe Agricultural Society. Elected to the House of Commons at the general election of 1882, he has continued to represent the constituency of St. Hyacinthe from that date, being taken into the cabinet June 22, 1900.

AGAINST THE HURRAH.

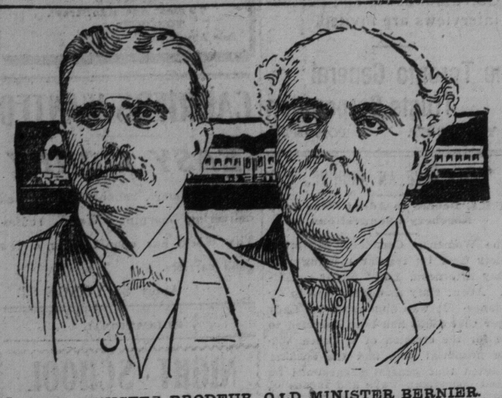
Montreal, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Hon. Mr. Tarte incidentally had his late leader, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on his mind when he wrote in La Patrie to-day that his compatriots should be more practical instead of hurrahing for this one and cheering for that one.

"One of the most certain cause of our lower reaching," adds the ex-minister, "is our lack of public spirit, which means a lack of public instruction."

Speaking of the success of the Irish race in Canada, Mr. Tarte says: "They don't spend their time in shouting hurrah for Parnell. They act and study questions and circumstances so as to profit by them. The important role which they play in Canada and the United States shows what minorities can do when they know how to use the power they possess.

"The principal questions, such as the tariff and means of transportation, are decided by the government according to the influence exercised by their followers. It is manifest that the Province of Quebec has greatest possible interest in the addition of a tariff that will permit the development of existing industries and the establishment of new manufactories. Why, instead of spending our strength in sterile comments or in vain admiration, do we not exact an increase in the tariff? There is no possible reason why we should march in the rear of such and such public men who are not of our way of thinking. These politicians have need of us and of our votes, and before giving them these votes, let us ask them, let us exact that they shall adopt a policy that will increase our prosperity and double our further fortune in a few years.

"The French-Canadians are an intelligent race; they have fine qualities of mind and heart, and the will power is all that lacks to regain for them the lost ground and to enable them to become one of the live forces of the Canadian confederation. They can't hope to become an important factor in the future if they continue to march in the paths of indifference instead of fortifying themselves with public spirit."



NEW MINISTER BRODEUR, OLD MINISTER BERNIER.

Russia's Reply Not Enough
Not Satisfactory to Japan
War Cloud Looming Large

New Demands Made That It Is Impossible for Japanese to Entertain.

London, Jan. 8.—Special cablegrams from Tokio, printed to-day, agree in believing Russia's reply unsatisfactory. It appears that the note might have been still undelivered, as Baron de Rosen, the Russian Minister, is suffering from an ear affection, had not Baron Komura, the Japanese Foreign Minister, visited the Russian Legation to get it. Slender hope is still drawn from the fact that no ministerial conference at Tokio is fixed for to-day.

According to The Standard's Tokio correspondent, an increasing number of steamships are being requisitioned daily as transports.

The correspondent of The Daily Mail at Tokio reports on the authority of the newspaper Chuo, that one Japanese has been murdered near Port Arthur, and that four others have been seriously injured, but no details are given.

The Daily Telegraph attaches considerable importance to the departure of M. Bezobrazoff, who was recently raised by the Czar to a Secretaryship of State, and who is a leader of the war party, for the Riviera, and prints what it declared is an entirely reliable statement from a high Japanese official confirming the stories of M. Bezobrazoff's warlike influence over the Czar in Far Eastern affairs. The Daily Telegraph hopes, "WHETHER IT IS REAL OR DIPLOMATIC, M. BEZOBRAZOFF'S ILLNESS WILL PROVE THE BEGINNING OF RUSSIAN WISDOM."

PROPOSALS UNSATISFACTORY.

Tokio, Jan. 8.—The attitude of Japan towards the response of Russia is still undefined. Premier Katsura, the Minister of Foreign Affairs; the Minister of War, the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Naval Affairs, at a council, decided that the cabinet confer with the elder statesmen before deciding on a course of procedure. It is generally felt that Russia's proposals are unsatisfactory. It is believed that Russia will make concessions in one direction and impose new conditions in another. The Japanese nation is deeply stirred. Public sentiment favors the abandonment of negotiations, believing them to be useless, and URGES A RESORT TO ARMS.

FRIENDLY NEUTRALITY.

London, Jan. 8.—The Daily Mail's Tokio correspondent says: "Governor Taft had a secret conference with Marquis Ito this afternoon at the United States Consulate in Yokohama. I understand that Governor Taft assured the Marquis that the United States will observe a friendly neutrality towards Japan in the war, and that if necessary it would grant the use of American ports in the Far East to the Japanese fleet."

WAR CAN'T BE AVERTED.

Pekin, Jan. 7.—Gen. Yuan Shai Kai, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese army and navy, sent his foreign advisor, Charles Denby, jr., to this place, to investigate the report as to the probability of war. Mr. Denby has reported that according to the best opinions obtainable, based on diplomatic information, war cannot be averted.

APPROVES THE TORPEDOES.

Vienna, Jan. 7.—A despatch from Fiume says that a Japanese officer has arrived there and approved the torpedoes which were ordered from a Fiume factory for immediate shipment.

INSURANCE OBTAINED.

London, Jan. 7.—The insurance of the Japanese cruisers Niasin and Kasaga, which were bought from the Argentine government, have been completed after considerable difficulty. The first policies have been so arranged as to permit the cruisers to go by way of Suez Canal, Cape Horn, or Cape of Good Hope routes, as the circumstances of the moment may indicate.

BUYING ARMS.

Rome, Jan. 7.—The presence of Admiral Miri of the Japanese navy and other Japanese officers in Italy is officially ignored by the government, as none of the officers have visited the Naval or War Offices, and as their presence has not been announced by the Japanese legation. The government, however, is cognizant of the movements of the officers, and is aware that they are making contracts for the purchase of arms.

STRIKE DECLARED OFF.

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—S. M. Wetherly, treasurer of the Keystone Type Foundry of this city, announced tonight that the strike inaugurated about Oct. 1 by the Union Type Founders throughout the United States has been declared off by the officers of the union.

AGREES TO A TREATY.

Rome, Jan. 7.—It is announced that Great Britain has agreed to the Anglo-Italian arbitration treaty which will be signed in Rome.

BULLETINS.

London, Jan. 8.—The Daily Mail's Tokio correspondent learns that Russia has made new demands, which it will be impossible for Japan to entertain. The correspondent says that all the powers are landing troops in Corea, and that the British bluejackets landed at Chemulpo are expected to go to Seoul immediately.

Pekin, Jan. 7.—It is known that neither Russia nor Japan is desirous of a winter campaign, and that both consuls believe delay will help their preparations. The Russian government has bought all the horses obtainable in Kalgan, the greatest horse market in north China.

London, Jan. 8.—The Daily Mail's Yokohama correspondent says that Russia's reply to Japan practically removes all hope of a peaceful settlement.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 7.—It is rumored at Esquimalt that the flagship Grafton, a second-class cruiser, has been ordered to proceed to the China station, to strengthen the British fleet in the far East.

Brest, France, Jan. 7.—The Russian cruiser Almaz, of 2385 tons, leaves here to-morrow for the far East.

EPIDEMIC OF TYPHOID.

Fifty Cases and One Death, Pembroke's Report for December.

Dr. Bryce, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, received a report yesterday from the secretary of the Pembroke Board of Health, which indicates a remarkable prevalence of typhoid fever in that town. During the month of December there were 50 cases of the disease and one death. No cause was given for the epidemic, but it is surmised that bad water has much to do with it.

The Provincial Board will ask the Pembroke authorities to send up a sample of the water for analysis.

REPUDIATED BY CONSTITUENTS.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 8.—Winston Churchill has been formally thrown over by the Oldham Conservatives. Churchill replied that he would continue to fight against Chamberlain and form a Unionist Free Trade Association.

Lord George Hamilton has been notified by the electors of the constituency of Ealing that they would no longer support him.

TO HON. JAMES McSHANE.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—Citizens of Montreal to the number of 300 gave a complimentary dinner this evening to Hon. James McShane, harbormaster. Party lines were obliterated, and amongst those present were: Hon. R. Prefontaine, Mr. Monk, M.P., and Mr. Bergeron and other party leaders.

DIED FROM BURNS.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—Alexander St. Amor, 30 years of age, overturned a lamp in his bedroom this evening, and the bed taking fire he was so badly burned that the poor fellow died at the hospital later on.

ALL-BRITISH CATHEDRAL.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 8.—The Devonshire Protectionists' League want the Liverpool cathedral now building to be all British.

WILLIAM SEES SIR WILFRID.

Ottawa, Jan. 7.—Hon. Senator Gibson of Beamsville had a long conference with Sir Wilfrid Laurier to-day.

Killed While Asleep.

Elmira, N.Y., Jan. 7.—An explosion of natural gas in a burner in the residence of Timothy Train, in Waverly, to-day, caused the death of Miss Mary McCambridge, aged 20. The young woman was asleep in her room when the explosion occurred, and her charred remains were found wedged against the door.

For Elevator Inspector.

As a result of the recent bylaw passed by the City Council for the appointment of an inspector for elevators, there are a number of applications coming in for the position. One of the most recent to be filed is from John McKenzie, who was formerly an inspector of elevators in Chicago, and now an inspector of construction in Montreal.

"The newspaper extracts commending Dr. Gunsaulus to the public as a lecturer, so far from being exaggerations, have fallen a mile below the mark."—Richmond (Ind.) Daily Palladium.

DIED IN QUEBEC.

Quebec, Jan. 7.—E. E. Webb, general manager of the Union Bank of Canada, died here this evening. Mr. Webb has been ill for some time past.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Parkdale W. C. T. U., Parkdale Methodist Church, 2.30.
Argonauts at home, Temple Building, 8 p.m.
Toronto Rowing Club at home, St. George's Hall, 8.
Toronto Reform Association, Broadway Hall, 8.
Rev. Chancellor Burwash lectures, Victoria College, 8.
University Senate, 8.
"Living Canada," Massey Hall, 8.
Princess, "Sergeant Kitty," 8.
Grand, "Sag Harbor," 8.
Shea's, vaudeville, 2-8.
Majestic, "No Wedding Bells," 2-8.
Star, burlesque, 2-8.

UNITED TRADES COUNCILS HOLD INAUGURAL MEETING

98 "Locals" Represented in New Body and Mutual Constitution Will Be Drafted.

Fifteen thousand organized labor men of Toronto are now affiliated and governed by one grand body. The amalgamation of all trades councils in the city was consummated at a meeting in St. George's Hall last night, at which delegates from the various councils in the city were present. President Simpson of the Toronto District Trades Council presided, about two hundred delegates being present.

From now on, every local organization will be governed by this body in matters of general importance, but will at the same time enjoy their trade autonomy. That is, they will have the power to deal alone with all matters pertaining to their own trade particularly. The trades councils will hereafter be known as sectional trades councils, or branches of the main amalgamated council. These sections will be formed of unions engaged in work of a common nature and divided into seven sections.

Several Trade Sections.

The sections will be: Building Trades Section, Printing Trades Section, Metal Trades Section, Woodworking Section, Miscellaneous Section (comprising all trades that cannot be put under any of the other heads), Clothing Trades Section and Label Section (composing delegates from all locals that have a label). Each section will have a night upon which they will meet to discuss matters dealing with their own trade only, and have the privilege of electing such officers as they deem advisable to govern the body.

Each local shall send as their representatives to the sectional council their delegates previously appointed to represent them at the head council. The running expenses of the newly formed council shall be defrayed by means of a per capita tax levied on all unions of one cent payable quarterly.

Brings in New Members.

The new locals that have been brought in with the District Trades Council include the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners, Brotherhood of Boilermakers and Shipbuilders; Elevator Construction Union, Bricklayers' Union, Stonecutters Association, Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers' Union, Journeymen Plumbers, Gas and Steam Fitters' Union, Plasterers' Laborers' Union, Operative Plasterers' Union and Photo-Engravers' Union. These locals have not been in the District Trades Council for many years. There are in all 98 different local organizations now amalgamated. The total membership is 14,350.

To Draft Constitution.

At the meeting last night a delegate from each trade section was appointed to examine the constitutions of the various locals and the drafted constitution of the new council, and make suggestions for the changing of them that they may all be in accord with one another. Those appointed were: F. J. Wilson, building trades; R. Hungerford, miscellaneous; Geo. Sangster, clothing trades; Mrs. M. Dorion, label section; John Francis, metal section; Wm. Henderson, printers; Jos. Fannon, woodworkers.

Many speeches were made by prominent labor leaders, explaining the advantages of the new arrangement, whereby all unions in the city will now be able to bring their grievances to one central body and ask the support of the entire labor element in any of their troubles as well as having the advantages of working in unison with all interested.

TO THE KING.

London, Jan. 7.—At Chatsworth, the seat of the Duke of Devonshire, in Derbyshire, to-night, a brilliant entertainment was given before King Edward and Queen Alexandra, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Consuelo, Duchess of Manchester, who sat at the King's left.

CRITICALLY ILL.

Rev. Canon Sanson is lying very ill at his residence on East King-street. Dr. Cameron of Sherbourne-street said last night that altho his condition was critical he did not expect death to occur at present.

Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus "has no equal as a lecturer." Bond-street Congregational Church, January 12th.

LARGEST WOMAN IN ESSEX.

Windsor, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Mary Pare, aged 51, died yesterday at her home in Anderdon. She was the largest woman in Essex County, tipping the scales at 300 pounds. So great was her avoirdupois that no coffin large enough for her remains could be found in Windsor and a special casket is being made.

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MUNICIPAL GAS PLANT.

Windsor, Jan. 7.—Ald. James H. Shepherd, Windsor's municipal ownership champion, will move in the City Council at its first business meeting that a committee be appointed to investigate the feasibility of establishing a municipal gas plant.

Dr. Gunsaulus—"For an hour and a half the audience was spell-bound by his eloquence."

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B. Washington at White House.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Booker Washington spent two hours at the White House to-day, but did not stay to dinner.

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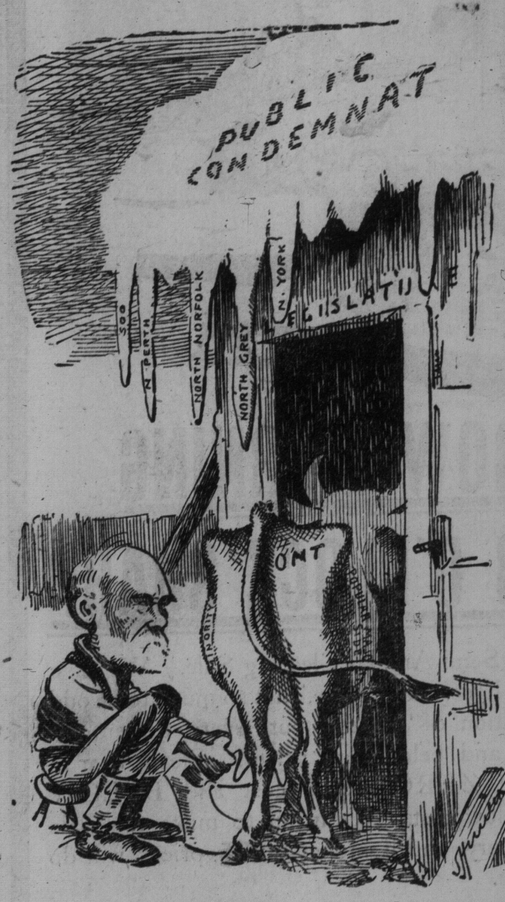
Then the order to march thru the smoke of the flames
Was obeyed unconcerned as if playing at games.
In the chances of danger they seemed the more charmed
As all were young Britons with discipline armed.
—John W. Campbell.

ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE COW.



HIRED MAN ROSS: This isn't any too safe lookin'. I'll drive her inside.

RETAIL DRUGGISTS ARE AROUSED
FEAR STRENGTH OF WHOLESALERS

Committees to Interview Manufacturers and Wholesalers re Discount Dispute.

The trouble between the patent medicine manufacturers and the wholesale druggists is widening—the retailers are now interesting themselves. At a meeting held yesterday afternoon they drew up a resolution asking the wholesale druggists not to increase the price of proprietary medicines to the retail trades, giving as their reason that it would be detimental to them as well as to the public. Mr. Polson of the Polson Medicine Company, Kingston, addressed the druggists, explaining to them that the wholesalers had already started their boycott against his firm, owing to their refusal to comply with their request for an increased discount. Mr. Polson pointed out that they were already paying more by five per cent. than many of the first rank manufacturers. They did not look at the matter as he did on account of his figuring on the cost, and not the selling price, of the article. It only meant that if tat manufacturers paid the 15 and 5 per cent., as demanded, they would be compelled to increase the price of their articles. This would naturally affect the retailers.

Committee Will Investigate.

The result of the meeting was that a committee of three was appointed to interview the Wholesale Druggists' Association, and another to consult with the Proprietary Articles Trades Association, and discover if possible where the trouble lies, and report back. In the meantime the Retailers' Association will refrain from declaring themselves, as supporting one or the other. Of the six members appointed, three are from the Toronto branch of the druggists section of the Retail Merchants' Association, and three from the provincial board.

In the meantime the trouble between the manufacturers and the wholesalers is becoming more threatening, and there are signs of the breach becoming much wider. It was learned that there are some manufacturers that would be heavily hit by an increased discount, and that they would surely increase the price of their articles if they were compelled to give it. This would be the signal for the retailers to step in, and what the result of a three-cornered fight of this kind would be is not easy to predict.

It is hard to say what will be the attitude of the manufacturers till after their meeting next Wednesday at the King Edward Hotel. The majority of them that have been spoken to in Toronto, tho, are strongly opposed to acceding to the demands of the wholesalers, and profess the intention of fighting the issue to a finish. They cannot afford, they say, to give the wholesalers more than they are getting. An effort will also be made to get every manufacturer in the association to reduce his discounts to 10 and 6 per cent. Everything seems to point to a lively fight between the parties concerned before the matter is finally disposed of.

Retail Druggists Deeply Interested

A prominent retail druggist, speaking to The World last night, remarked that there was likely to be considerable trouble come out of this affair.

"It has had the effect of opening the retailers' eyes to the fact that the wholesalers are a very strong organization, and that the next move may be made against them. The retailer realizes that he is between the two of them, and that he must be alive to what is going on to protect his interests. His position demands that he act with the greatest caution and avoid antagonizing either side to this dispute till forced to. It is likely that they will be forced to take sides one way or the other, as they are ultimately the ones who will have to pay for increase, unless they are watchful. And, after them, the public."

GANONG AND FOWLER.

St. John, N.B., Jan. 7.—The Conservatives had two nomination conventions in this province to-day, one to nominate a candidate for the federal house from Charlotte County and the other for the newly amalgamated Counties of Kings and Albert. In the former G. W. Ganong, the present M.P., was again nominated and for Kings-Albert, George W. Fowler, now M.P. for Kings, was chosen. Both conventions were well attended.

OPPOSED TO IMPERIAL ARMY.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 8.—The Ottawa correspondent of The Express cables that the Laurier government has rejected the idea of a Dominion regiment going to India, on the ground of the opposition to militarism and to any obligation to participate in England's foreign wars. The Express says the rejection is a setback to the idea of an Imperial army.

D. C. FRASER, M.P., TO RETIRE.

Halifax, Jan. 7.—A convention of the Liberal party of Guysboro County was held this afternoon and J. Sinclair, M. L. A., was nominated to contest the county at the general election. The retirement of D. C. Fraser, M.P., was announced at the convention.

Dr. Gunsaulus Bond-street Congregational Church Jan. 12.

DEATH FOLLOWED OPERATION.

London, Jan. 7.—John Anderson of Westminster Township, who was injured in the accident at the Grand Trunk crossing here last Tuesday, died at Victoria Hospital this afternoon. His skull was fractured and an operation was resorted to, to relieve the sufferer. This proved unsuccessful.

Edwards, Morgan & Co., 26 Wellington Street East, Toronto. Edwards & Ronald, 42 Canada Life Building, Winnipeg, Chartered Accountants.

$14,000 FIRE IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Jan. 7.—Fire here to-night did $14,000 damage to Marcel Beallach's stock of decorations on the premises on Notre Dame-street and $9000 to Fabre & Graves' stationery stock. Beallach was fully insured, but the other concerns were not. The building was insured to the extent of $7000. The cause was an overheated furnace pipe.

Great Applause.

A subscriber: What this country needs, fellow citizens, is not higher license, but longer glasses.

DEATHS.

BRENNEN—At her residence, 418 Main-street East, Hamilton, on Thursday, Jan. 7, Sarah Scott, widow of the late M. Brennen, in the 68th year of her age. Funeral on Saturday at 3 p.m. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

GRAY—At London, Jan. 5th, 1904, Sarah, the beloved wife of Thomas D. Gray, agent of the Sheaden Forwarding Co. Funeral from the residence of her sister, Mrs. John Gray, 35 Wilson-avenue, Parkdale, Saturday, the 9th inst., at 2 p.m.

GRAHAM—At the Toronto General Hospital, on Jan. 6, 1904, Kate Graham, aged 41 years. Funeral from Wm. Stone's undertaking parlors, Toronto Junction, on Saturday, 9th inst., at 10 o'clock, to Prospect Cemetery. Member of Forest City Camp, Woodmen of the World. London Free Press please copy.

PATON—At her mother's residence, 471 Euclid-avenue, after a long and painful illness, Florence R. M. Paton, only daughter of the late James W. Paton, aged 19 years. Notice of funeral hereafter.

ROSE—At St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, on Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1904, Ellen, beloved wife of Chas. Rose. Funeral Friday, Jan. 8th, at 9 a.m., from residence, 256 Church-street.

SMITHERS—On Jan. 6th, 1904, at his late residence, 9 Bloor-street East, George Smithers, P.P. Kent Lodge, S.O.E.B.S. Funeral Saturday, at 3 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

WALLIS—At his residence, 109 McCaul-street, Toronto, on Thursday, the 7th day of January, 1904, Bertram (Bert) Wallis, third son of Chas. H. Wallis. Funeral (private) on Saturday, Jan. 9th, at 3 o'clock, to St. James' Cemetery.

CHAMBERLAIN MAY WIN FIRST TIME, SAYS FOSTER

Entertains National Club With Personal Experience in Imperial Preference Campaign.

Imperial preference, the demand of Canada for treaty-making power and reciprocity with the United States were the themes of Hon. Geo. E. Foster's discussion before the National Club last night. In a word, he declared that his experience in the United Kingdom was that Mr. Chamberlain's policy had stirred the people of Great Britain as they have never been awakened before; that it is impossible for a dependency to have treaty-making power, and that it is better for Canada to break away from the idea of Yankee reciprocity and confine her trade relations with England, whose markets she will always find open on friendly terms. This was the substance of Mr. Foster's deductions, accompanied by many interesting anecdotes of his campaign for Chamberlainism, recently concluded.

Forty Members Present.

The occasion was the regular January banquet of the club, with Mr. Foster as the guest of honor. There were forty members around the table. President Noel Marshall acted as toastmaster, and Col. Geo. Denison paved the way for the appearance of Mr. Foster by sketching a short history of the movement for Imperial federation and unity of the empire.

The guest of the evening was at his best. It was not an oratorical effort, but a clear-cut, chatty story of his run over the United Kingdom, his impressions of the campaign and his forecast of the verdict to be rendered. Would Mr. Chamberlain win on the first trial? He thought that very problematical, but his ultimate success he did not question. But in the speaker's estimation it was too much to expect victory at the first test. But it would be a revolution of public sentiment entrenched for generations behind a policy of free trade. In a campaign extending over a few months he could not think it reasonable to expect so great a change at the first election, and yet if the contingent questions did not divert public attention, and preferential tariff was made the dominant issue at the polls, Mr. Foster was inclined to expect Mr. Chamberlain to win at the first trial of strength.

Act of Unselfishness.

The speaker thought Mr. Chamberlain's resignation from the cabinet and determination to go before the people on an issue, the result of which was so problematical, involving ruin of a great career, as well as success, was an example for the statesmen of the civilized world. He conceived it to be an exhibition of unselfish devotion to those interests which Mr. Chamberlain believed to be of vital importance to the masses and his country's prosperity. Mr. Chamberlain had told him what induced him to take the important step. He did not believe it was a betraying confidence to tell his explanation now for the first time.

"He said to me: 'If I had looked only at the trade point of view for Great Britain of the colonies, I should not have entered on the work, but would have let some younger man do it. It would have been successful, I think, in another's hands, but I felt myself

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MORAL OF TRADE RETURNS.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 8.—The Post, referring to the Board of Trade returns, says that by the antiquated system not any attempt is made to differentiate the value of goods sent to the colonies and to foreigners. The chief moral of the returns is that the foreigner's increase in business in our market is almost double our increase in his.

IRON TRADE INCREASING.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 8.—The News, exulting over the trade returns, says they furnish an answer to Chamberlain's cry that the iron trade is going. The export of iron and steel amounted to £25,000,000 in 1901, and £30,500,000 in 1903. Wool exports were £21,000,000 in 1901 and £25,000,000 in 1903.

DEVELOPING COLONIAL RESERVES.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 8.—Admiral Sir E. Fremontle, responding to the toast to the "Imperial Forces" at the banquet of the Patternmakers last night, praised the Canadian offer of a regiment for India, and said the admiralty was endeavoring to develop colonial reserves.

ROBERTS' ALLURING POEMS.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 8.—The Times, referring to C. G. D. Roberts' book of collected poems, says that opening his book is much like entering a wood which lures your farther than you mean to go.

MILD.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 7.—(8 p.m.)—Mild conditions prevail in nearly all portions of Canada, accompanied with snow in the Lake Superior region and also along the Nova Scotia coast.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 44—48; Calgary, 30—48; Qu'Appelle, 24—28; Winnipeg, 22—36; Parry Sound, 4 below—24; Toronto, 17—31; Ottawa, 12—16; Montreal, 16—22; Quebec, 6—16; Halifax, 24—32.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh to strong southerly to westerly winds; mild, with some light falls of snow or sleet.

Ottawa Valley, Upper and Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Fresh to strong southerly to westerly winds; comparatively mild, with some light snowfalls.

Maritime—Winds increasing to fresh or strong breezes; a few light local snowfalls, but for the most part fair and comparatively cool.

Lake Superior—Fresh to strong southwesterly to northwesterly winds; a few light snowfalls, but for the most part fair; a little higher temperature.

Manitoba—Moderately cold to-day; then milder again.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Jan. 7.	At.	From.
Vaderland	New York	Antwerp
Saxonia	Liverpool	Boston
Cedric	Liverpool	New York
Perugia	Naples	New York
La Touraine	Havre	New York

NORTH OXFORD WRIT.

A well-informed Liberal last night told the World that at the meeting of the cabinet in the afternoon the writ for the North Oxford by-election was issued, naming the date as Jan. 26th.