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Answers "Ring" Attacks On Ontario's Legislation

Prime Minister Claims for Parliament of Ontario Same Right to Legislate as Has Been Exercised for 200 Years

by Lords and Commons of Britain Without Fear of Royal Veto.

Hands Off Ontario!

Sir James Whitney's reply to the request of the Dominion Government, to show cause why the provincial legislation creating the hydro-electric power commission should not be disallowed, will be read with interest by every Canadian who realizes the importance of the preservation of provincial rights.

The act chiefly under consideration is declared in categorical terms to be "not altogether illegal, or unconstitutional, nor is it illegal nor unconstitutional in part, being, in fact, both legal and constitutional; nor does it clash with the legislation of the Dominion Parliament; nor does it affect the interests of the Dominion generally."

The intention of the government of Sir James Whitney to preserve, on behalf of the people of the Province of Ontario, their inherent rights as British subjects, of freedom "to legislate within their jurisdiction, nor does it affect the interests of the Dominion generally."

Ample answer is given to the contention that the Power Commission Amendment Act of 1909 was a usurpation of the Dominion Parliament's right to legislate.

Ontario's Reply. The undersigned has had under consideration a report of the minister of Justice to his excellency the governor-general in council, dated Oct. 18, 1909, approved of by his excellency in council, and communicated to his honor the

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NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Ten thousand interested spectators saw Hamilton Tigers defeat Ottawa Rough Riders by 11 to 6 in an exhibition game of Canadian Rugby football on Saturday afternoon.

Expert opinion given by veteran football players is unanimous in condemnation of the Rugby game as a sport less dangerous to life and limb than the home game.

Walter Camp's Opinion. Walter Camp, the noted football authority, had this to say: "As played by the Hamilton-Ottawa teams, football is much less dangerous than as played in the United States."

There are many things about the Rugby game I admire. One of these is the freedom of punting. The rule which allows a man a free kick is a good one.

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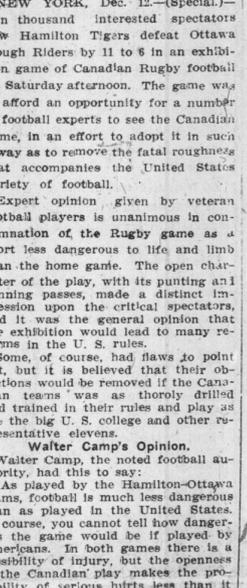
VANCOUVER, B.C., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Nelson was chosen as the next place of meeting by the Provincial Conservative Convention at Kamloops today.

THREE CHILDREN INCINERATED

Left Alone, Set Fire to Farm House and Perish.

THE PROPER WEAPON

Mr. HOCKEN: I'm going to try a shot at that rooster anyway.



NO USE FOR PREFERENCE THAT MAKES FOOD DEARER

Will Crooks Says That's the Feeling in Colonies—Austen Chamberlain Criticizes Asquith.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(C.A.P.)—According to a Melbourne cable to the Chronicle, Will Crooks, the British Labour M.P., speaking of the preference cry, said, "The colonial preference question is laughed to scorn wherever I have been."

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