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# COMMERCIAL CONGRESS SUPPORTS RESOLUTION FOR RECIPROCAL PREFERENCE

### Enthusiastic Cheers on Announcement of Vote Which Was 107 to 36 in Favor of Reciprocal Arrangement, With 21 Neutral—Canadians Sing God Save the King.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)  
London, July 11.—By an overwhelming majority, the Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire this morning adopted the Canadian resolution in favor of preferential trade. The show of hands revealed a large individual opinion in favor of closer imperial trade relations. The vote by chambers was: For the resolution, 107; against, 36; neutral, 21. The neutral votes included the important chambers of London, Birmingham, Edinburgh, Melbourne and Sydney.

As a result was received with enthusiastic cheers, the Canadians raised their feet and sang "God Save the King." The British chambers voted against the resolution, the remainder of the opposition was unopposed over a majority of the empire.

The discussion in the morning was marked by the utmost good-will. Canada, each side claimed, was enthusiastically in support of the resolution. The discussion was variously interpreted according to the political leanings of the speaker.

Greenwood, M.P. for York, in opening the discussion, opposed the resolution. He was enthusiastically supported by the British chambers, but disagreed with the suggestion that the empire was in danger of breaking up. He objected to our colonies, who are, he said, unfamiliar with the conditions, lecturing the mother country.

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George E. Drummond, in closing the debate, said that Canada was in a position to produce more than sufficient to supply the empire. He said that the United States trade might mean political independence. He asked for an indorsement of the principle of preference, leaving the details to the colonial conference.

Again, on the question of the resolution, the resolution was adopted, with only a few dissenters.

## DIVERGENT VIEWS OF BRITISH PRESS ON COMMERCIAL CONGRESS RESOLUTION

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)  
London, July 11.—The congress trade resolution is the subject of considerable editorial comment. The Post says the resolution is important as one of a series. If the colonial conference of 1907 is as faithful to the colonial preference of 1902 as the congress of 1906 is to the congress of 1902, a government will be faced with a body of popular opinion that will be difficult to evade. On the one hand, there is the commercial experience of the empire, and on the other the academic school of free traders.

The Chronicle says the thing "called preference" may, after all, be only protection under another name. Only the manufacturers can tell what they really mean by their aid by preference, and it is unreasonable to expect this country to tax itself heavily, if only for a reciprocal compensation, which is a protective tariff raised higher against the foreigner to make it seem lower against ourselves.

The News says the danger of the tariff propaganda is once more demonstrated. There is danger of a cleavage of policy as long as England refuses to abandon free trade and the colonies are stimulated to demand tariff reform. Chamberlain is doing his best to create a coldness between the component parts of the empire.

The Times says: "Coming so soon after the general election, congress resolution is important and significant, and shows that the chamber means business. With regard to India, it is quite free to abstain from all arrangements, if the Chamberlain policy was put in force to-morrow in every portion of the empire, and would be free to bargain with every other, or not at all. At present there is no freedom, because the mother country refuses to negotiate.

The Standard says: "The resolution is an important business. We believe it speaks the voice of the empire."

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## SUNDAY BILL GOES BACK OLD NAME IS RESTORED

### House of Commons Refuses to Concur in Amendments of Senate.

The commons declined to concur in amendments, changing name of the "Lord's Day" bill to the "Sunday bill." Defining provincial act as a "public" or "private" act. The bill was passed in clause respecting passenger trains.

Permitting any "car" as well as "train," to be carried on Sunday to its destination. Permitting street railway and ferry at South Ste. Marie to operate on Sunday.

Conferring on "all" vessels the exemptions conferred upon "ocean-going" vessels.

Ottawa, July 11.—(Special.)—W. F. Maclean (South York) made the government very uncomfortable to-night and drove them to hurry thru to a finish the force they had intended to carry off more seriously.

After an afternoon of caucus and conferences the house took up the much crumpled Sunday bill. There was a palpable effort to create a deadlock between the houses, and at first some private members were drawn into a minor debate.

There was a great deal to do about not concurring with the senate amendments, even the change of title being so as to make it a "Sunday" bill. Mr. Maclean who pointed out to the opposition the evident purpose of the government, and its signal defeat.

Mr. Bourassa could not forbear taunting the government on its admitted defeat.

A salient feature of the debate was the charge by Mr. Maclean (South York) that the Laurier government had deliberately stripped the two new provinces of machinery for the trial of election contests, thus enabling the heeler of the Liberal party to thwart the will of the people.

The premier made no reply.

## MAY CUT OUT WINNIPEG BANKING EVIDENCE HERE

### Judge McTavish Will Ask Hon. Mr. Aylesworth for Necessary Orders—Dominion Life Manager Undergoes Examination—Opposes Policyholders Voting.

Waterloo, July 11.—(Star Special.)—The Royal Commission on Insurance will not go to Winnipeg. His Honor Judge McTavish will interview the manager of justice to see if the witnesses, books and documents of the Great West Life Insurance Company of Winnipeg cannot be transported to Toronto and examined there some time in September.

Judge McTavish does not like traveling. He is afraid that he won't be comfortable. Then, again, the cost of transporting the commission would be greater than having the company appear in Toronto.

To the World to-night Judge McTavish said that he would like to see Winnipeg, but that he was not in favor of the commission making the long journey.

"We will finish in Waterloo with the Mutual to-morrow, and take up the Federal on Friday at Hamilton. King and company will be next, but we will leave their books and witnesses to Toronto next week, and the commission will adjourn on Friday, the 14th, for the summer, after which the meeting will be held.

"As to our not going to Winnipeg, while it is probable the whole matter is still in the air, it is a policyholders' company, and the eyes of all stock companies are focused on Waterloo. Commissioner Kent will see to it that the company will work out. Examiner Tilly has marshaled a long list of questions for Manager George Wegman to answer.

"Dominion" Under Scrutiny.  
Thomas Hilliard, president and managing director of the Dominion Life Insurance Company, was yesterday in the public library at noon to-day. The affairs of the Dominion Life appeared on the agenda for the day.

Mr. Hilliard was a good witness and showed that although he had no large actuarial experience, he had a grasp of the matter that was simply wonderful. The directors of the company control the stock and have an associate actuary in their office staff.

Mr. Hilliard was examined by Assistant Counsel W. T. Tilly, before a large crowd. The witness, the promoter of the company, was yesterday in the public library at noon to-day. The affairs of the Dominion Life appeared on the agenda for the day.

Mr. Tilly went into the early history of the incorporation of the Dominion Life, and how it had been incorporated in 1889 by act of the Dominion parliament, and not by letters patent as the company would be as soon if company held its corporate existence other than by act of parliament.

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## MCINTYRE BOLETS PARTY ON LANCASTER CLAUSE

### With This Exception Liberals Accept Senate Amendments to Railway Act.

Ottawa, July 11.—The house this morning concurred in the amendments made by the senate to the Railway Act. McIntyre (Liberal, P.E.I.), voted with the opposition against Hon. Mr. Emmerson's motion, which was carried by 84 to 34.

The chief amendment of the senators was the striking out of the Lancaster clause to compel the railways to provide protection at level crossings. Mr. Lancaster was not in the house, being at Carp attending the funeral of his sister.

In moving to accept the bill as amended in the upper house Hon. Mr. Emmerson said he was in sympathy with the effort to protect life as far as possible at crossings. The clause which had been struck out had been unanimously reported by the special committee. He promised to give consideration to the question during the recess, and, he added, "I may be able to present to the house during the next session some amendments that will secure the approval of the members of the house as well as the railways of the country, who are very much interested in the matter."

Dr. Stockton and Mr. Eilon strongly supported the amendments as tending to promote good feeling and harmony. H. L. Borden said it was a pity that the investigation and consideration by this house, to brush aside this amendment after about an hour's consideration. He objected to its being struck out of the bill.

Mr. McIntyre (Perth) expressed sympathy with the objects of the clause.

FARMER BRAINS FAMILY  
Does Not Know Why and Is Probably Insane.  
Waterloo, S. C., July 11.—J. W. Irnegan, a well-to-do white farmer of Colleton County, to-day killed his wife and four children, branding them with an ax. He then went to a neighbor's house and told of his deed.

Irnegan says he kills his family, but does not know why. He is a native of Sweden. Some years ago he tried to cut his throat, and is said to be insane.

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