

THE TRADE CONFERENCE OF THE EMPIRE.

WHO WILL BE ITS MEMBERS AT OTTAWA IN JUNE.

All Important Colonies Will be Represented—The Earl of Jersey's Appointment by the Imperial Government—A Forecast of the Discussion.

London, May 28.—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Sydney Buxton, under colonial secretary announced that the Earl of Jersey had been appointed the Imperial delegate to the intercolonial conference at Ottawa. The Earl of Jersey was Governor of New South Wales from 1890 to 1893.

The Dominion in all probability will be represented by Hon. Mackenzie Bowell, Minister of Trade and Commerce; Hon. G. E. Foster, Minister of Finance, and Sir John Thompson, Premier.

Imperial Government—Earl of Jersey
New South Wales—Hon. W. H. Suttor, vice-president executive council.

Victoria—Sir Henry Wrixon, attorney-general; Hon. Simon Fraser and Hon. N. Fitzgerald.

Queensland—Sir E. Forrest and Hon. A. J. Thyme, minister of justice.

South Australia—Hon. E. Pulford.
New Zealand—Alfred L. Smith.

South Africa—Sir J. B. De Villiers, chief justice of Cape Colony, and Sir Charles Mills, agent-general in London.

Tasmania—E. N. C. Braddon, agent-general in London.

The conference will meet on June 22 in the chamber of the department of Trade and Commerce. The subject for discussion will be:—

MUTUAL TRADE.

1. The better development of trade between the mother country and colonies, even if present tariff policies must continue. At present each colony goes its own way, and Canada, for instance, collects duties from British and Cornstalks on precisely the same cheerfulness as she collects duties from the Yankees. But even if each part of the empire persists in hoarding its own tariff row, it is thought that a mutual intelligent understanding of reciprocal trade openings and requirements may mean much business.

POSSIBLE CUSTOMS UNION.

2. An Imperial customs union or reciprocity of some sort may be discussed.

BRITISH PACIFIC CABLE.

3. A British Pacific cable. The projected route is from Vancouver to Brisbane via Hawaii, Samoa and New Caledonia. The estimated lowest cost is \$10,000,000, and it may be twice that. As the business must for a time be comparatively limited as compared with the Atlantic cables, this cost is too heavy for a private company to undertake save with heavy government subsidies. Conference will probably make some recommendation on the matter. It is argued that the empire should have a line of electric communication around the world entirely in its own control.

BRITISH HIGHWAY AROUND THE WORLD.

A first class British freight and passenger highway around the world does exist but it is not first class. The most unsatisfactory link is the ocean steamship connection between Britain and Canada. That is slow. The fastest lines are two or three days slower than the New York route, although the latter is longer. Canada offers a subsidy of three quarters of a million dollars a year to any steamship line that will put on a weekly service as fast as the New York lines. Possibly the Conference may indicate a way to additional aid. A fast Atlantic service would complete a magnificent British belt around the Globe, for the Canadian Pacific transcontinental railway, the Canada Australasian Pacific steamships, and the Peninsular & Oriental steamship service from the China sea to England, are all superbly adequate.

COLONIES AND EMPIRE.

5. Either the Imperial or the Australian delegates may bring up the question of colonial contribution to the defence of the empire. At present this relation is curiously one-sided. The Colonies get all and give little. Australia, Canada, New Zealand, all tax English goods just the same as they do those of any alien or foreign power, and not one of them contributes to the treasury. Her soldiers garrison their fortresses, her ships guard their coasts, her ambassadors and consuls watch their interests and protect their subjects, and England pays the whole shot and barring a certain amount of military advantage by the C.P.R., she

gets nothing in return. There was never a case in the world's history showing more strongly the power of sentiment. It is easy to understand, why the colonies are loyal to the empire is loyal to them is less easy to understand, unless England looks to a future federation of some sort.

POSSIBLE FUTURE CONFERENCES.

6. Possibly of future inter-Imperial conferences. Some attempt may be made to arrange for future regular meetings of representatives of various parts of the empire.

TORONTO S. O. E. NOTES.

—Rugby Lodge held their first meeting in their new quarters, Shaftesbury Hall, on May 17th. It is not definitely settled when their fortnightly meeting will be held.

—The President of Hammersmith Lodge, Bro. G. Vennell, paid Albion Lodge a fraternal visit at their last meeting. He was warmly received.

—We are pleased to hear that Bro. J. H. Devis, Pres., of Rugby, has fully recovered from his late illness, and was able to be present at their last meeting.

—The promenade concert of Litchfield Lodge was a very enjoyable affair, and should have been more largely patronized. Over 300 were present.

—We regret to hear of the accident that has befallen Bro. W. H. Neal, of Albion Lodge. While out driving a few days ago he was pitched out of his rig.

—Mistletoe Lodge, D. O. E., held a very successful concert on Friday, assisted by the Maids of England. Bro. S. Hine in his usual good natured way, occupied the chair. A very long programme of songs and readings were gone through, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by the large crowd present.

—Commercial Lodge had a gala time at their last meeting. Although it poured in rain, the soaking did not keep the members from turning out. Mercantile lodge summoned their members to pay them a fraternal visit, and a good contingent turned up. Bro. G. Evans, D. D. for Centre Toronto, paid his first official visit, and was warmly received. Several Presidents of other lodges and visitors were also present.

—Lodge London, at their last meeting, had the honor of a visit from two distinguished members, Bro. Dr. Ryerson, M. P. P., and Bro. Dobell D. D. They were given a hearty welcome.

—Hammersmith Lodge intend holding a garden party on the 16th of June. They have the use of Bro. Small's grove for the occasion. A charge of 10 cents will be made for admission.

—There was great disappointment at Toronto Junction on Sunday, the 20th. Wooster Lodge intended having their church parade on that day, but it rained so heavily that it had to be postponed. It will now take place on the second Sunday in June.

—Bro. T. J. Clarke, of Chicago, a member of one of the lodges in this city, is laid up with la grippe.

—The committee on the smoking concert held by Albion Lodge W. R. D. gave in their final report, which was very satisfactory.

—We regret very much to hear that Bro. John Smith, a respected member of Albion Lodge, met with a severe accident a few days ago at Stratford. Bro. Smith is a contractor.

—Three members applied for beneficiary papers at the last meeting of Cheltenham Lodge, and one candidate initiated. It was decided to hold a W. R. Degree meeting on June 29th, when over twenty members will be advanced.

COMPETITOR ANSWERED.

Editor ANGLO-SAXON:
Sir,—In your last issue a correspondent, signing himself Competitor, writes asking when the various Committees appointed by Supreme Lodge are going to get to work, and that he is name on one of them, and has not yet got notice to meet the other members. In reply, I beg to say that if competitor will have courage to sign his name, the Supreme Secretary would then have an opportunity of knowing who to correspond with. Competitor, as far as Supreme Secretary is aware, is not on any Committee. The Committees appointed by Grand Lodge have been at work sometime, one of the Committees having already finished its work. If Competitor does not like to sign his name to a public communication, he might have the manliness to write the Supreme Secretary himself.

Your fraternally
JOHN W. CARTER,
Sup. G. Sec.

BRITISH UNITY.

IMPERIAL FEDERATION LEAGUE MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Imperial Federation League in Canada, at Ottawa, on the 29th May, and the Trade Conference are gatherings of the friends of British Unity of the most interesting and gratifying kind. They both are evidences of wakefulness and a growing conviction that the colonies and the motherland must act as a National Unit, in their relations toward foreign nations.

With reference to the League meeting we learn that a resolution is to be presented in favor of raising an Imperial Defence Fund by a duty on foreign imports within the Empire. This is what is known as the Hofmeyer scheme, promulgated at the Inter-colonial Conference of 1887, and received almost unanimous support from the representatives of the Empire there assembled. As it was not fairly within the scope of action at that conference nothing was then done, but it has formed the seed germ of what we hope to see grow into a sturdy British Oak at the Trade Conference to be held here this month.

We also notice that the Imperial Federation League Council in London—now dissolved—is to be censured, and properly so, for its action in dissolving without due notice to non-resident members of it.

We are satisfied that no National Unity is possible that does not nationalize our trade relations with foreigners, and no Imperial Defence Fund is possible without a Federal Council or Parliament of the whole Empire.

Since the foregoing was written the annual meeting of the League in Canada has taken place, and was very well attended. Among those present were the following Members of Parliament: Alex. McNeil, N. F. Davin, Dr. Ferguson, Col. F. C. Denison, E. A. Dyer, E. Coatsworth, A. Haslam, W. F. Mclean, W. H. Bennett, Alex. McKay, J. A. McDonald, G. R. R. Cockburn, A. R. Dickey, Col. O'Brien, J. A. Gillies, Col. Tyrwhitt, Dr. Sproule, F. M. Carpenter, D. Henderson, W. Smith and W. Pridham. Among other members of the League, we noticed Messrs. Sandford Fleming, Arch. McGoun, Thos. Macfarlane, J. A. Gemmill, P. A. Robbins, Ed. Ackroyd and many others.

Col. Geo. T. Denison, of Toronto, President of the League, occupied the chair, and C. W. Evans acted as secretary. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read, and attention was called to the omission in these of an important letter from Sir Leonard Tilley, in which he suggested the election of Mr. Alex. McNeill, M.P., as President of the League, a nomination which Mr. McNeil felt himself obliged to decline.

The report of the Executive Committee was then read, which proved to be a most important document, and which was unanimously adopted. We hope to be able to publish it in full in our next issue. In addition to those contained in the report, the president gave full explanations with regards to correspondence between the League and Mr. A. H. Loring, Sir John Lubbock, and others.

The resolutions proposed at last year's annual meeting or of which notice had been given by Lt.-Col. O'Brien, M.P., Rev. Principal Grant and H. J. Wickham, Esq., were withdrawn. This also took place with reference to another motion brought up last year by Mr. Archibald McGoun, of Montreal. For this Mr. McGoun substituted a resolution which was, in reality, the League's response to the invitation of the Imp. Fed. League Branch, in London, England, to co-operate with them. A very animated and exhaustive discussion took place upon this motion which was seconded by N. F. Davin, Esq., M.P. Many of the members of parliament present expressed their views fully, and suggested slight modifications in the motion. At last it was carried unanimously in the following terms:

That the Imperial Federation League in Canada are ready to co-operate with the city of London Branch for the reconstruction of the League upon the basis of the resolutions submitted in the circular of December, 1893, provided No. 3 of these be defined to the following effect:

3. That any scheme of Imperial Federation should embrace a Commercial Union as necessary to its strength and permanence; that such union should be based as nearly as practicable upon freer trade throughout the Empire, and upon the imposi-

tion of a small extra duty on foreign imports, with few exceptions, to provide funds for Imperial Defence.

The following resolutions were also carried unanimously:

That, in view of the resolutions just adopted by this League, a delegation of as many as possible of its office bearers and members, who may be visiting England this year, be selected by the Executive Committee to confer personally with the City of London Branch and similar organizations for the purpose of endeavouring to agree upon a common platform, and plan for future operations.

That the present office bearers and Executive Committee of the League in Canada be re-elected for the year 1894-5, unless in the cases of the Vice Presidents for Prince Edwards Island and the Northwest Territories to which offices respectively Lieut., Gov. Mackintosh and Lieut., Gov. Howland shall be elected. Mr. Evans was also elected Hon. Secretary in place of Mr. Worrell.

It was also settled that the Executive Committee should take such steps as it might think fit to welcome to Canada and entertain the members of the Intercolonial Conference which is to assemble in Ottawa towards the end of June.

SONS OF ENGLAND CALENDAR.

HISTORICAL EVENTS IN ENGLISH HISTORY

IN THE MONTH OF JUNE.

- 1st—Battle of Drum Clog, 1679.
- Howe's victory, 1794.
- 2nd—King Ethelbert baptized, 597.
- London Riots, 1790.
- Duke of Norfolk beheaded, 1572.
- 3rd—Prince George Frederick of Wales born, 1865.
- 4th—George III. born, 1738.
- Reform Bill passed the 3rd Reading in the House of Lords, 1832.
- 6th—Battle of Burlington Heights, 1813.
- Gavazzi Riots, Quebec, 1853.
- Sir John A. Macdonald died, 1891.
- 7th—Robert Bruce died, 1329.
- Royal Exchange founded, 1566.
- Reform Bill became law, 1832.
- Reciprocity Treaty with U.S., 1854.
- 8th—First Parliament in Ottawa, 1896.
- 9th—Geo. Stephenson born, 1781.
- Charles Dickens died, 1870.
- 10th—Dutch fleet approached London, 1667.
- New York invaded by Burgoyne, 1777.
- Opening of Crystal Palace, Sydenham, 1854.
- 11th—Sir J. Franklin died, 1847.
- Death of George I., 1727.
- Capture of Liverpool, 1644.
- 12th—Boundary Treaty with U.S., 1846.
- Dr. Arnold of Rugby, died, 1842.
- 13th—Berlin Congress met, 1866.
- 14th—Lord Hastings beheaded, 1483.
- Battle of Dettingen, 1743.
- Battle of Naseby, 1645.
- Samoa Treaty signed, 1889.
- 15th—Battle of Runnymede, 1215.
- Magna Charta sealed, 1215.
- 16th—Battle of Stoke, 1487.
- Winthrop born, 1682.
- Battle of Muirduke, 1685.
- Battle of Bunker Hill, 1775.
- Battles of Ligny and Quatre Bras, 1815.
- 17th—John Wesley born, 1703.
- Lord Cannington died, 1862.
- 18th—Battle of Bhowalpur, 1848.
- War with United States, 1812.
- Battle of Waterloo, 1815.
- 19th—Gen. Wolfe born, 1834.
- Alabama sunk, 1864.
- 20th—William IV. died and accession of Queen Victoria, 1837.
- Battle of Storm Ferry, 1779.
- 21st—Battle of Vittoria, 1812.
- Proclamation of Queen Victoria, 1837.
- 22nd—Battle of Bothwell Bridge, 1679.
- Napoleon abdicated, 1815.
- Rider Haggard born, 1856.
- 23rd—Battle of L'Orient, 1795.
- H. M. S. Victoria sank, taking down 463 of her crew, 1863.
- 24th—Battle of Sleeps, 1340.
- Battle of Bannockburn, 1314.
- 25th—Edward V. dethroned, 1483.
- 26th—Gen. Wolfe landed at Isle de Orleans, 1759.
- George IV. died, 1830.
- Repeal of Corn Laws, 1846.
- 27th—Cawnpore Massacre, 1857.
- 28th—Lord Raglan died, 1855.
- Victoria crowned Queen, 1838.
- 29th—The acquittal of the Seven Bishops, 1688.
- 30th—Ninth Earl of Argyle beheaded, 1685.

—A gloom has been cast over the city again by the death of Bro. William Miles, past president of Norfolk lodge. He was taken away very suddenly, being ill only two or three days. He was a most enthusiastic member, and well known throughout the city lodges. He was in the beneficiary, also a member of the Board. He took great interest in the Daughters of England, and organized one of the largest lodges in the west end of the city. He was also a member of the Hospital Board. The funeral was very largely attended, the service being conducted by the Rev. Dr. Clark, past grand chaplain, of whose church he was a member.

Every one who sees these few lines should not fail to turn to page 6 of this issue and read the article there headed "Do you want it."

DO YOU WANT IT.

Just before the writer took up a pen to write this item, the following editorial article, from the Chicago Ledger, was brought to his attention. It says: "Nearly every day the newspapers give an account of some eminent man falling suddenly dead at his desk from heart disease. As a rule, no middle-aged man in active business dies thus suddenly unless poisoned, and that poison, in the majority of cases, is tobacco. Meantime while the slaughter goes on. The press and pulpit seem muzzled, the majority being participants in the popular vice, and those who are not seem hypnotized and afraid to speak out."

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