TUESDAY MORNING

## **TO TAKE PENSIONS**

administered by the pension commission, precipitated by a resolution presented by J. H. Burnham, Conserva-tive member for West Peterboro. Closer Trade Relations.

Closer Trade Relations. Col. Currie's resolution called for closer trade relations between the self-governing bodies of the British Em-pire and an economic alliance among the entente powers. He favored build-ing up the manufacturing interests of Canada by the protective system, and denouced the advocates of free trade Canada by the protective system, and denouced the advocates of free trade as men who wished to close the facas men who wished to close the fac-tories and deprive the returning sol-diers of employment. This led to a more or less partisan debate, in the course of which Sir George Foster ob-served that you can make tariff 'laws "until you are greyheaded," without increasing the trade of Canada unless capital and labor co-operated on terms of equality and the Canadian manu-feturer produced goods as cheap, effifcturer produced goods as cheap, efficient and tasteful as those produced

by his foreign competitors." Denounces Pension Scale. The scale of pensions was denounc-ed by Mr. Burnham as parsimonious and he compared the pensions com-missions to the circumiccution office. Sir Robert Borden said the govern-ment was anxious to keep the ques-tion of pensions out of politics, and legislation would soon be introduced on the subject which he hoped would on the subject which he hoped words commend itself to every member of the house and when it passed it would be administered by an independent commission. Upon the adjournment of the house it was announced that the budget debate would be renewed tomorrow.

Currie's Resolution. Currie (N. Simcoe) moved the adoption of a resolution

agree to the resolu PROBLEM OFFERED which after hich after all merely expressed the olicy it had been carrying out since he war commenced. It was a policy ffirmed, and as far as possible made

 TO TAKE PENSIONS OUT OF POLITICS
Borden Announces Legislation to Remedy Unfairness of Present Conditions.
TARIFF WAILS URGED
Col. Currie's Resolution Callion to Economic Alliance of Entente Powers.
Ye Ctaff Reporter.
Othwa any 21.-Joday was the first domembers could initiate busy in essent on the session for overment enders. Many members interest as the government has appropriated the balance of the session for the motion of Colonel John A. Currie to North Stincoe, and with a delate busy it of motion of Colonel John A. Currie to North Stincoe, and with a delate of the senter benefits and demerits of the senter benefits and demerits of the senter benefits and demerits of the the motion of Colonel John A. Currie to Morth Stincoe, and with a delate station of the motion of Colonel John A. Currie to Morth Stincoe, and with a delate of the senter be by J. H. Burnham, Conserva Mr. Burnhain (W. Peterboro) then addressed the house in support of his

resolution calling for more adequate pensions, and asking that the rate of

contract for salary or wages, but had to take what the government saw fit

to give him. Pensions Too Low.

The pensions were too low in his pinion. Men badly wounded were opinion. Men badly wounded were compelled to eke out an existence by canvassing. We gave the unmarried soldiers at the front \$1.10 a day, which, with his clothes, rations and medical attendance amounted to at

thouse the adoption of a resolution. Thus total dealness was rated as a 40 declaring "that in the opinion of this per cent. disability, but it disgual-house, with a view to increasing the prosecution of the war, the government should en-of the war, the government should en-ter into immediate consultation with a majesty's governments in Great the allowance to a widow with a majesty's governments in Great the conclusion of the day aratily deal in both only receiv-beter into immediate consultation with a majesty's governments in Great the conclusion children was respired by that lots, of men would be glad to go. With respect-to finances, the prehis imagesty's governments in Great Bistain, the other dominions, India and the colonics, in order, with their aid, to bring the whole economic strength of the empire into co-operation with the energy." Col. Currie said he hoped the resolu-tion would be glad to go farming or munition making, or any-thidren was regarded by Wildow re-married, the pension to the children ceased altogether, no matter how young they might be, aithe the wildow received a gratuity for her-self and something additional for the with resolu-tion would be glad to go farming or munition making, or any-thing they were shown in what way their duty lay. Two or three days of conscription talk shows that the proposals of the government are going to be received with favor by the great majority of tion would be discussed in a non-par-tisan manner. It was time, he said, a totally disabled soldier or the wi-to drop politics. We were supposed dow of a soldier killed during the war with favor by the great majority of members of parliament, and already several French Liberal members have to have a political truce, but the Lib-should be entitled to not less than liag, had been firing on the govern-ment. Canada, he said, was the only but he said to a grat dath of the white the solution of the said to a grat dath of the s erais, under the protection of the wither hiag, had been firing on the govern-ment. Canada, he said, was the only dominion engaged in the cesary trouble by the pensions exam-**RETURNED SOLDIERS** country or dominion engaged in the cessary trouble by the pensions exam-present war which did not hope to ining board. In one case he had sent **GIVEN PREFERENCE** to the board necessary affidavists in proper form made by the bishop of Peterboro, the chancellor of the dis-cese, the parish priest, the family medical man, and himself as the Postmasters' Positions Bemember of parliament for the rid-ing, but the board refused to grant stowed With View to the pension until the case was invesfit from the war unless as the result tigated by the local patriotic fund as-of after-the-war conditions she in- sociation.

BY LOCAL BOARDS Canadian Municipalities May Appoint Members to Un-

dertake Enrolment.

**BROAD SERVICE PLAN** Older Men May Be Assigned to Work Upon the

Farms. By a Staff Reporter. -Ottawa, May 21. - How the con

large parliamentary experience and much diplomacy. It is expected that the selections for the membership of the convention will be made within a week. The scs-sions will be behind closed doors, for which the premier cited the frianing of the constitutions of the United States, Canada and the United Carson and William O'Brien, with their followers, and possibly some of han is to be worked out, is he attention of the govern-reneral scheme is to have

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FAIR OPPORTUNITY

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Canadian Pacific Railway Company, who was born in the United States, of Irirh parents, is mentioned, as are also the Duile of Connaught and ex-

Asquith and Lord Ponough to two last named having spe

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**AFFORD IRELAND** 

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would be a man of distinguished judgment, proved experience and un-doubted impartiality. Uister to Censider. Sir John Lonsdale, secretary and whip of the Irish Unionist party, said in addressing the house that the Uister party would enumit the entire Ulster party would submit the entire proposal to the people of Ulster and

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fact all the advances heretofore had been made by the Ulstermen. The Ulster leader declared that it was advisable that the convention, should be approached with no misap-prehension. As to the suggestion, that the exclusion of the six counties should be ruled out of consideration by the convention he said In ravor of the convention. Count Plunkett and other extremists repudiate the convention as a trap, but there is reason to believe that the Sinn Fein leaders now in jail disap-prove of their conduct of the move-ment, so that they do not represent ent, so that they do not

proposal to the people of Ulster and recommend its careful consideration. He and his colleagues, he declared, would not take the responsibility for closing the doors upon the experi-ment. The people of Ulster, added-Sir John, would be guided by the 'same patriotic motive which had always guided them, altho he could not feel sanguine that the convention would accomplish the purpose designed. **O'Brien Sees. Obstacles** 

Ostain territory as a result of victory. Great Britain would largely extend her possessions in three continents, and Australia and South Africa would annex a great deal of conquered terri-tory. France would get Alsace-Lortory.

raine, and Russia, Constantinople; but Canada could obtain no material bene-

Yet the people in the Canadian west seemed anxious to close our factories. Mr. Knowles (Moose Jaw): "Who is trying to close the factories?"

Attacks Free Traders.

Col. Currie: "You and the other free traders, but you will find the public opinion of the country is against you." Mr. Turriff (Assinibola): "Try it." Col. Currie: "You will have a chance to learn what the country thinks of you in a short time. In the United States when a man goes about talking single tax or free trade they put him in the lunatic asylum and his

wife gets a divorce automatically." (Laughter.)

preference as the British dominions overseas, if she were willing to recip-rocate. He urged the adoption of a which would discriminate in favor of motion. the allies, still more in favor of nations To Punish "Combinesters." of the empire, and would discriminate against the central powers.

New Law Not Needed.

Col. Currie created a mild sensation by criticizing the action of the government in stopping to frame a new law and new machinery for purposes of Why not have the militia. conscription. act put into force? That act amply authorized and provided for conscription. He thought it was a great mis-take that the overseas forces were not fighting as Canadian militia instead of being constituted under the war de-fence act. When an officer after fightact. ing overseas returned to Canada he would be liable to lose his title and have his stars go into the waste bas-We should have one army instead of two or three. There was at present much bitterness between members of the permanent force and members of LITTLE VOLUNTARY RECRUITING Canadian Expeditionary. Force, tho The colonel who fought in the trenches

got six dollars a day, while the colonel scription is indicated in recruiting re-who never left Canada drew fifteen turns for the fortnight tended May 15. dollars a day. Government Accepts Resolution.

Sir George Foster said the govern-

Pitt had made war pay, and so had Lloyd George, and Canada had no oc-casion to be ashamed of the great pros-perity which the war had brought her. We wanted that prosperity to con-tinue so there would be plenty of em-ployment for our returned soldiers. Yet the people in the Canadian west The minister of militia stated to Mr to refund pay and accept a smaller pension than they were entitled to; and Colonel J. D. Taylor (New West- Fowler, M.P., was not in command of

minster) also complained of the way the 13th Reserve Battalion at Shore-in which non-commissioned officers ham. were reduced to the ranks as soon as It was stated in reply to Mr. La-they got to the front.

they got to the front. Mr. Blain (Peel) defended the pen-sion commission, as also did Hon. J. D. Hazen, who acted as chairman of Which included \$494 for the special the pensions committee at the session of parliament, who had recommended The session. The session of recruits enlisted in (Canada up to April 30 was stated by

the scale of pensions now in force. Borden Promises Redress. Sir Robert Borden said at the last session of parliament it had been una-

Laughter.) Col. Currie urged the government to pensions should be kept out of poli-timulate shipbuilding and enter intertion. These holds be kept out of poli-timulate shipbuilding and enter intertion. controversy settled in order to win stimulate shipbuilding and enter into tics. The whole subject had been re-closer trade relations with all the al-lies, including the United States. He saw no reason why the United States. He should not receive the same imperial government had brought the recom-had been sent overseas since Oct. 27 of the allies in this world struggle

Rails for Intercolonial. The total length of the Quebec and rural credit system and the nationali-zation of railways. With national railzation of railways. With national rail-ways, he said, the freight for export grade could be carried to searchard as cheaply from the west as from the east. He favored a four-storey tariff, which would discriminate in favor of for renewal purposes were now re-

quired by the Intercolonial Railway

Mr. Knowles (Moose Jaw) moved the second reading of his bill to amend the criminal code by making it an offence for a manufacturer to fix the price at which wholesalers must sell to the retailer and the criminal code by making in that obligatory service in Eng-fix the price at which wholesalers in the colligatory service in Eng-fine the colligatory service in Eng-ing the price at which wholesalers in the colligatory service in Eng-ing the colligatory service in Eng-ter the colligatory service in Eng-ter the colligatory service in Eng-ter the colligatory service in Eng-ing the colligatory service in Eng-ter the colligatory ser must sell to the retailer and the in England but residing in the exionles price at which the retailer must sell to go and perform military service in to the public. Judge Doherty, minister of justice, said that if price fixing unduly en-hanced prices it was an unreasonable organized in the colonies.

restraint of trade, and it was already Mass Meeting in Quebec offence under the anti-combines He was not prepared to say any public policy was violated Will Oppose Conscription

canceled later.

w a vendor fixing the terms upon property must be resold. Upon his motion the debate was ad-

Ottawa, May 21 .- The need for con- urday evening to parade at the mass

The total was only 2,679 for all (anada. It is an increase of 135 over the prescription.

ceding fortnight.

fact to the conclusion of the conven-tion. Must Guard Treasury. With respect to finances, the pre-mier thought pertains of the treasury. William O'Brien Sees Obstacles. Must Guard Treasury. William O'Brien Sees Obstacles. Milliam O'Brien Sees Obstacles. M

tion with respect to the bodies who should be nominated, but on thus there would be no undue delay. The government had been considering that point, and hoped to come to a defin-ite decision in a very short time. Festering Sore. He was sure that the feeling of the

house would be general in the desire that the convention should solve the which had baffled the inproblem genuity, and he might say, the good will of so many ministries for generaions. He entreated the house to believe that nothing but special war considerations could have induced the government to take up the settlement of so thorny a problem in the midst

of a great war. "But," he added, "when engaged in a life and death struggle, we do not want a festering sore on our hands. the minister of militia to be 411,723. Evidence has accumulated from many Also 21,250 reservists of other counquarters as to the importance from the war point of view of getting the controversy settled in order to win of the allies in this world strugger for freedom, instead of having it torn

by conflicting appeals, "As the fight proceeded, we rea-lized more and more that we should need all our strength to win a triumph worthy of the sacrifices we were mak-ing. The support of Ireland as a whole is essential to victory. For that where is essential to victory. For that reason I appeal to Irishmen of all sections, and especially the patriotic spirit of Ulster, to help that healing." Novel idea, Says Redmond. John Redmond. the Nationalist leader, speaking after the premier had made his announcement act

had made his announcement. that for the first time in her Listory Ireland had been asked actually to settle a problem for herself. "I take it for granted," he added,

"that all sections of Irishmen feel it their duty to come in." Four unsuccessful attempts, said

Mr. Redraond, had been made by three successive governments to reach a settlement, but the present propos-at was entiriv novel. Ireland was al was entirly novel. being asked herself to draft a con-

stitution for her country. That pro-Quebec, May 21 .- A mass meeting posal carried with it the implied obagainst conscription has been an-nounced thru unsigned circulars for ligation that Great Britain would be only too glad to accept the decisions tonight on the St. Peter Market Place, in the heart of the laborers' district.

arrived at. Altho he was aware of the diffi-The meeting of the military cadets culties that were in the way, con-tinued the Irish leader, he took it for of the Quebec Seminary refused Satgranted that all sections of Irishmon meeting that had been called in favor would on consideration feel it their of recruiting by Hon. Mr. Blandin duty to come in and meet their fel-Shouts of the students cried down con-The meeting, however, was

low-countrymen. have the hope," Mr. Redmon

newspapers there have been extreme antagonistic; they declare themselv

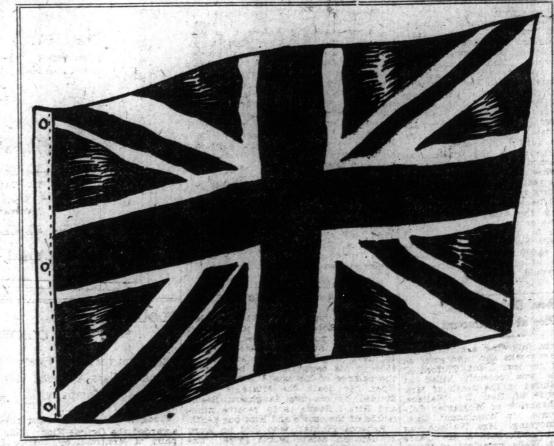
antagonistic; they declare themselves, quite contented with government from. Westminster. But Sir John Lonsdale's speech in the house of commons is regarded in Nationalist circle's as be-ing more hopeful and it is contended that if northeast Ulster rejects the convention, the government can hardly allow it to hold up all settlement. Some settlement is imperative from the fact

anow it to hold up an settlement. Some settlement is imperative from the fact that the home rule act is on the statute-book and must come into force before the end of the war. / Tho it may be altered, it could not be repealed by

any government. If Uister enters the convention, which is considered, in well informed circles as doubtful, it is probable that terms could be arranged to meet its fears and thus render a continuance of irreconcitable opposition unienable. There will be plenty of men from all sides available to form a really valu-able convention and it is thought a settlement will be reached in some



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