

CONSERVATIVES AND NAVAL DEFENCE

Mr. G. H. Barnard, M. P., Talks Interestingly During Recent Federal Session

The stand of the Conservative party of Canada on the question of naval defence is capably outlined by Mr. G. H. Barnard, the federal member for Victoria, who has just returned to the city from the recently concluded session at Ottawa.

"Well, the Conservative policy was voted down. That disposed of the time being of the direct contribution. Mr. Borden's resolution this year simply reiterated the party's stand that the permanent policy should be submitted to the people."

"Our own resolutions for immediate and substantial defence of the coast have been lost, the next best thing we could hope to do would be to express our willingness to submit the whole question to the people, and let the rest of my party vote accordingly."

"You ask why the government programme is inadequate. Well, in the first place, the proposed force is too small to be of any use in the second place, and contrary to that expressed wishes of the imperial authorities, it is divided between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts."

"The admiralty see the danger Sir Wilfrid speaks of and recommend as a provision against it that Canada should construct a fleet of war ships on the Pacific. Sir Wilfrid sees the danger. What steps does he take to meet it?"

CHICAGO'S DEAD ARE TWENTY-FOUR

Captain Lannon of Fire Department Succumbs to Injuries—Young Man Loses Father and Brother

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Alexander D. Lannon, who was killed in the fire department, injured at the stockyards fire here yesterday, died today.

BIRD MEN THRILL WATCHING CROWD

Some Spectacular Performances With Aeroplanes At Los Angeles Meet—C-riess Makes Fast Flight

AVIATION FIELD, LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Thrill after thrill witnessed the huge crowd today at the opening of the second annual international aviation meet here.

SETTLEMENT IN VIEW

Development League Secretary Prophees Large Influx of People Next Year

The coming spring and summer will see the largest influx of settlers to the undeveloped lands of the province, according to the secretary of the Development League.

DISCUSSION OVER BIG CHINESE LOAN

Government at Peking and American Syndicate Not Yet Agreed—Question of Adviser Holds Up Affair

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