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### Conference of 1907 Will Be Free and Unfettered and Delegates Fully Instructed—Chamberlain Howled Down at Derby and Gerald Balfour Badgered—Haldane on Army Reform.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable) London, Jan. 4.—On behalf of the colonial offices, Winston Churchill speaking at Manchester to-night, made an important declaration of policy in a statement regarding the prospective colonial conference. In the event of a Liberal success, the government would not enter into an arrangement for preferential union with the colonies, involving taxation of food, etc. He said there was no need to get jumpy over a previous statement about the empire, which would not admit to a fifth-rate power so soon as Mr. Chamberlain supposed.

Lord Elgin has faced many difficulties but the chief of the colonial conference presented difficulties to the government the periodical assembly of representatives from all parts of the empire to discuss the questions of imperial interest was attended with great advantages. It is a policy which would give as possible assistance and encouragement.

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## PARLIAMENT MEETS MARCH 15th

### Or at Latest on March 22, By Which Time Tariff Commission Will Have Drafted Bill.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—(Special)—The next session of the Dominion parliament will be summoned for Thursday, March 15, or at latest, a week later.

This week's delay, if necessary, will be due only to the tariff commission, who it is desired shall draft the tariff bill before the house meets.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 4.—(Special)—A private Ottawa message to-night says that the late ex-premier of Prince Edward Island has been selected at Ottawa as the compromise appointee to the lieutenant-governorship of British Columbia.

## PETERS AS A COMPROMISE.

The civic investigation which was started over the Puddy Bros. abattoir will be resumed this morning at 10 o'clock before Judge Winchester Crown Attorney Drayton will do the questioning.

The enquiry will take a much broader scope than was done at the former sittings. The building and furnishing of the City Hall will take up the attention of the crown to-day.

Those who have been requested by a little blue paper to give evidence are:

Arthur Dennis, who did the carpenter work.  
W. B. Rogers, who supplied the furniture.  
A member of the firm of John Kay & Co., carpenter.  
A. D. Harris, the sewer pipe man.  
Ald Lynd, the accused.

## MORE NATIONAL POLICY FOR ONTARIO.

Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of mines and lands for Ontario made an important announcement at the Conservative banquet at Weston last night. It was to the effect that he hoped to introduce legislation at the forthcoming session of the legislature which would result in all the nickel mined in this province being refined here as well, and instead of Canadian nickel which supplies 60 per cent of the total output of the world, being sold as United States nickel, it would thereafter be sold as Canadian nickel, and would have to be bought in this country, where it would not only be mined and washed, but also refined.

He also indicated that some kind of progressive policy was being contemplated by the Whitney government in the direction of developing and distributing the great water power resources of this province; the representative of the home government would also receive precise instructions. The nature of these instructions depended upon the feelings of the masses of British people.

## WON'T HEAR CHAMBERLAIN.

Crowd of 4000 at Derby Force Him to Quit Speaking.

London, Jan. 4.—It was a very disorderly audience to which Mr. Chamberlain preached his fiscal doctrine at Derby to-night. He had been admitted to the drill hall without tickets. The interruptions started early and the speaker had to raise his voice several times. He finally cut his remarks short. Mr. Pofford, the candidate, replied to the interruptions as follows: "I am not here to give you a lecture on the general prosperity. One-third of the nation was under-fed and on the verge of hunger. The interests of their unemployed, if not in their personal interests, he advocated a colonial preference."

## NOTES TWICE FOR HIMSELF.

London Member of School Board Takes Advantage of Law.

London, Jan. 4.—(Special)—At the first meeting of the board of education here to-night, a member of the board, Mr. C. P. R. Double Tracking, was elected president. He was elected twice, by a vote of 12 to 10. The Conservative contested his right to vote twice for the handling committee and London for the time being, is without a workable school board.

## BROTHER-IN-LAW DETAINED.

May Yet Be Charged With Murder—Had Made Threats.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 4.—Hiller, brother-in-law of Charles A. Edwards, New York man who was killed "bug" night while at the house of Charles A. Hiller, to-night for a short time was locked up at police headquarters by order of Coroner Mix. He was later explained by the latter official that he wanted to have Mr. Hiller handy on the understanding of the inquest later. It is understood that the coroner, Bryce, has been spoken of by his friends as a man well qualified for the position, which is one that has, however, experienced as well as ability. Mr. Irwin, who is a son of the late ex-Ald. Irwin, was in the city assessing the department of his position there, which gave him a thorough knowledge of local values. Often he represented the city at the court of revision and he thoroughly understands the working of the court.

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## PRESENTED WITH JEWELS.

At last night's meeting of the Sons of England Benevolent Society retiring president S. Daves and A. H. Brooker, of Windsor and Clifton lodges were presented respectively with handsome jewels.

The installation of officers of the two lodges was carried out by District Deputy W. S. Carter.

Special to Smokers. Ten per cent. of all Briars and Tems in Cases; also Cigar Cases—must sell off remaining stock of Christmas goods. Alive Rollard, 128 Yonge-street.

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## CROWDING HIM.



UNCLE SAM: Say, young feller, you got no license to occupy the HULL of the seat, have ye?

## KINGSTON'S BY-ELECTION IS ON

### HANNA AND DOWNEY TELL HOW GOVERNMENT HAS KEPT PLEDGES

Kingston, Jan. 4.—(Special)—Under auspicious circumstances tonight, Hon. W. J. Hanna and J. P. Downey, M.P.s, opened the Kingston by-election campaign at a bumper meeting for Donald M. McIntyre, who is again opposing E. J. B. Pense, presented recently by the government. The speaker, Mr. Hanna, made a strong plea for a clean election, declaring the coming unconscionable attempt to tamper with the election corrupt. The city hall was filled to the doors, and on the platform were a large number of ladies. On the walls were streamers expressing welcome to Hanna and Downey. "New men, new measures, new methods."

## WILL GO TO LEGISLATURE.

Lord's Day Alliance After Railway Legislation.

At a meeting of the legislative committee of the Lord's Day Alliance yesterday the following resolution was carried: "That we, the Ontario Lord's Day Alliance, earnestly endeavor to obtain from the Ontario legislature legislation regarding the running and operating of electric railways on Sunday, and that legislation on other matters be deferred until the legislation that is being sought for at the Dominion parliament is secured."

## ALASKAN EXPLORER DEAD.

Montreal, Jan. 4.—The famous Alaskan explorer, Francis Mercer, died today, aged 68 years.

## 21 MINERS LOSE THEIR LIVES

### IN VIRGINIA MINE EXPLOSION

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 4.—The heaviest snow storm since 1888 prevailed in the northwest for hours yesterday. Snow to the depth of 18 inches fell here, and the street railway system was practically put out of business.

## First Casualty of the Year—One Body Recovered So Badly Mutilated as to Be Unrecognizable.

Bluefield, W. Va., Jan. 4.—Twenty-one miners were killed in an explosion of men gas in the shaft of the Cooper Mine Company, at Coaldale, W. Va., at noon to-day. Up to midnight only one body had been recovered, the rest immediately following the explosion, which was heard for several miles, rescue parties set to work to explore the wrecked shaft.

## QUEER FATE OF MAN FOUND DEAD IN A HOTEL.

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## OFFICER MIXED IN SCANDAL

### PREFERS DEATH TO DISGRACE

Pretoria, Transvaal Colony, Jan. 4.—Capt. J. Hopkins, quartermaster of the 2nd Dragoon Guards, whose name had been mentioned in connection with the war stores scandal, was found dead this morning under circumstances pointing to suicide.

## OTTAWA ALLOUES THEM.

Possible Candidates for Scott's Seat in Parliament.

Regina, Sask., Jan. 4.—(Special)—Several prominent Liberals are reported to be desirous of contesting West Assiniboia for the house of commons at the next election. The names of the candidates are: Walter Scott, J. W. Smith and Jas. Balfour of Regina and Arthur McLean of Moose Jaw are most frequently mentioned.

## GOVERNMENT AID TO FARMERS.

Will Pay Freight on Stock Bought at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The department of agriculture of Ontario has decided to pay the return freight on cattle bought at the sale of live stock held in Ottawa in connection with the Flat Stock Show that commenced March 5.

## ORDERED TO PAY FIVE MILLIONS.

Ex-Convict Vice-President of Bank Still in Difficulties.

New York, Jan. 4.—A verdict for \$5,000,000 against Edward Harper, once vice-president of the Fidelity National Bank of Cincinnati, was affirmed today by Judge Cox in the United States circuit court.

## INDIAN SCHOOL BURNS

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## DEATHS.

BARNETT—At 25 Collier-street, on Jan. 3rd, 1906, Elizabeth, beloved wife of James Barnett, passed away in peace.

## A TANGLE IN LONDON CONCERNING EMIGRATION MATTERS UNWINDING AT WASHINGTON

### MOSCOW'S MERRY WARS MAY BE BOUGHT IN BLOOD

Visiting High Commissioner to Confer With Premier—Has To Do With a Long-vested Question of Authority—and Other Things.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—(Special)—The visit of Lord Strathcona to Ottawa has caused considerable speculation in political circles. It is known that he came to have a conference with the premier, and it is generally agreed that the immediate cause is friction in the London immigration office. W. T. H. Preston, the immigration commissioner, was in Ottawa a couple of months ago and had an interview with Hon. Frank Oliver, minister of the interior. It is understood that at that time Preston complained of W. L. Griffith, secretary of the high commissioner's office, who was appointed two years ago. The working out of immigration matters resulted in friction between Preston and Griffith, and a quarrel was the result. It is as to who is who. Preston claims he is over Griffith in authority, while Griffith, as representative of the high commissioner's office, it is understood, acted in some cases without consulting Preston in any such capacity.

Matters finally came to a head and Preston, when he came to Ottawa, had hopes of having Griffith relieved of office or put in what he considered his proper place. The high commissioner, however, the high commissioner has come to Canada.

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## GREATEST CROP ON RECORD.

C. P. R. Figures Show Remarkable Comparative Position.

Winnipeg, Jan. 4.—(Special)—That the prairie provinces have easily the greatest crop on record is shown by the Canadian Pacific railway, which has announced that it has nearly double the amount over reported before at this time.

There has been marketed \$6,000,000 bushels of grain, of which \$4,000,000 was wheat and the remainder other grain. The remarkable proportion of crop, as compared with the average of the past few years, is due to the unusually early season, as indicated by comparison of figures.

It is an ill wind, etc. There is one advantage to the people that has accrued from the recent unusually early season, and that is the opportunity to buy flour at a lower price. The price of flour is now at a low level, and this is a great benefit to the people.

W. Harper, Customs Broker, 1 Melinda. Snow or Storm. Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 4.—(Special)—The weather for the 24th and 25th of the month was a cold one, with a heavy snowfall. The temperature was below zero, and the wind was from the north.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay. Fresh to strong westerly to south-westerly winds; mostly fair, light local falls of snow or sleet at night.

Upper Lakes and St. Lawrence. Fresh to strong westerly winds; mostly fair, with a few light showers of rain or sleet.

Western Lakes and Gulf. Fresh to strong westerly winds; mostly fair, with a few light showers of rain or sleet.

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