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LONDON, TUESDAY, MARCH 16.

NICHOLAS WILSON.

Nicholas Wilson died full of years and honors. There was much that must have made his old age tranquil and happy—troops of friends, easy circumstances, an unclouded mind, the memory of a useful life, and immunity from suffering until the closing hours.

Mr. Wilson's record of activity was something to marvel at. He entered the teaching profession in 1844 and continued in it until 1907. His career as an instructor of the young spanned three generations. In his later days he taught boys and girls whose grandfathers and grandmothers had been his pupils. He was teaching before the birth of the present public school system. The year 1844 saw the appointment of Dr. Ryerson as chief superintendent, and the beginning of his investigations which resulted so fruitfully for the province.

By reason of the nature of his work, and the length of it, Mr. Wilson's life touched intimately the lives of a multitude of men and women, boys and girls. In this range of influence he was privileged beyond many who have been more conspicuous in the public eye. Not least among the lessons he imparted for over 60 years was his own undeviating example of straightforwardness and sense of duty, which must have left its stamp upon a host of his former pupils. They are in every walk of life and scattered far and wide, but few of them ever forgot the upright old man. The constant proofs of their remembrance and affection warmed his heart and cheered his last days. He has gone the way of all flesh, but he is one of the favored company who live in lives made better by their presence.

FRENCH TARIFF REVISION.

The French Chamber of Deputies will presently have before it a bill, prepared by a parliamentary commission, for a radical revision of the tariff. Nearly one thousand changes in the schedules are proposed, and with a few exceptions, all provide for higher duties.

The Government, which had no hand in the framing of the new schedule, is urged by the agriculturists to assist in the passage of this bill. On the other hand, the measure is opposed by industrial and commercial bodies, which have memorialized the Government to reject all duties likely to provoke reprisals and instead to conclude reciprocity treaties for long terms.

Meanwhile, the Ministry is using every endeavor to secure a modification of some of the proposals before the bill is formally introduced in the Chamber. Some of the new schedules are peculiarly unfavorable to articles of United States manufacture imported extensively into France, and to enforce them would be certain to lead to reprisals, and possibly to a tariff war. Indeed, Premier Clemenceau is said to have been given to understand that the Government at Washington, while holding the best of feelings towards France, will not be restrained from taking such steps as self-protection might dictate. It is not by any means certain, however, that M. Clemenceau will be able to keep the deputies in hand.

The United States Congress is meanwhile being urged to consider, at the special session which opens this week, the desirability of adopting the system of minimum and maximum schedules in the tariff which it is to frame, and thus have a weapon ready to hand in case it is needed.

Canadian producers will have little to fear from any increase of French tariff duties, as under the commercial treaty concluded with France they have an advantage over the United States. The treaty was negotiated in the nick of time.

A DEVELOPMENT OF EMPIRE.

Earl Crewe, colonial secretary, announces that a royal commission, composed of two representatives each from the United Kingdom and Canada, will inquire into the relations between the Dominion and the West Indies, including the questions of transportation and communication.

Neither the British nor the Canadian delegates have yet been named, but it is known that Sir Daniel Morris, until recently head of the Imperial department of agriculture in the West Indies, will represent those colonies. Lord Crewe recognizes that it is mainly to the policy of the present Government of Canada that the steadying of the sugar trade of the West Indies and British Guiana is due, and it was at Canada's suggestion that the royal commission is to be appointed. As Lord Crewe says, when the Panama Canal is completed, the position of the West Indies will vastly increase in importance, and it is probably this fact which has prompted the Government at Ottawa to open negotiations look-

ing towards permanently close relations with the islands.

In this connection the Standard of Empire considers it an interesting fact, as showing the stage reached in the constitutional development of the Empire, that there appears to be no precedent for a definitely binding agreement, commercial or otherwise, between any two British countries. There have been, of course, numerous treaties, conventions, and agreements between different portions of the Empire and foreign countries—for instance, Canada with the United States, and India with France—but there appears to be no precedent for such an arrangement as is contemplated between Canada and the West Indies. The Standard, therefore, regards Lord Crewe's announcement as a remarkable step in the evolution of the Empire. Canada's preference on West Indian sugar, it points out, has been the most potent influence in preserving that industry just when it was threatened with final extinction by the preference given to Cuban and Porto Rican sugar by the United States, which effectively excluded West Indian sugar from this erstwhile important market. Several of the West Indian islands have shown their appreciation of Canada's preference by reciprocating on important Canadian products competing with the United States. There is a very general desire, however, that the present voluntary preference, which could be withdrawn at any time by either party, should be made permanent, and it is in order to conclude such a binding agreement that, on the initiative of the Canadian Government, a royal commission is to be appointed.

How many of his pupils Nicholas Wilson outlived?

The police will tear up sewers in an effort to find the revolver that killed Ebel Kinrade. But will they ever find the man behind the gun?

Brantford has signed a five-years' contract with the Cataract Power Company. This may be treason to the hydro-electric commission, but it may be loyalty to Brantford's interests.

The condition of the court house provokes Justice Riddell to strong language. The city of London can't rebuke the county authorities for fear they will be mean enough to mention the smallpox hospital.

The veteran pedestrian, Weston, celebrated his 71st birthday yesterday by starting to walk across the continent. He will walk over 4,000 miles, while the average youth takes a street car to go four blocks.

The United States has tried to shut every European nation out of its market, and is squealing because the French tariff may be stiffened against American products. Prohibitive duties are not so pleasant when the other fellow tries them on us.

UN-BRITISH LEGISLATION.

[Kingston Whig.]
So the Legislature, at Hon. Mr. Beck's instigation, is going to validate, by special act, the illegal deals of the cities of Toronto and London with the Hydro-Electric Commission. Is that business? Is it what the fair-minded citizen would call clean politics?

'TIS WELL 'TIS SO.
[New York Telegram.]
No matter how commonplace a man may be, his father's side, named Levi, who imagines him unique in the history of the universe.

STRATFORD SWELLS ITS CHEST.
[Stratford Herald.]
Stratford and Montreal will each have new stations. London and Toronto will wait.

BIG TALK.
[Hamilton Times.]
That hydro-electric power bellow wailing bill Adam Beck is now in full talk-talut, some would say. Strange that this Government should have to resort to so many measures to shut the public out of their right to ask for justice in the courts!

'IT PAYS JIM'.
[Illustrated Bits.]
"Do you find poultry-keeping pays?"
"Well, no; I can't say that it pays me, but I think that it pays my boy Jim."

CLAIMING THEIR RIGHTS.
[Chicago Record-Herald.]
"Ah," complained the visiting nobleman, "but you have no privileged classes in this country."

"We haven't, eh?" replied the prompt citizen. "You ought to be out some night when a gang of college boys are on a tear."

DEDUCTION.
[Sam Kiser.]
"Yes, he was once a professional baseball player."

"What's he doing now?"
"He puts in most of his time hunting for people who are willing to listen while he tells them what a great man he used to be."

ADVERTISING HAMILTON.
[Ottawa Journal.]
The Kinrade murder is doing more to spread the name of Hamilton than the best efforts of its famed publicity department.

The Glebe street rope and broom factory, owned by E. M. Welford & Co., has changed hands. Mr. W. Scarlett being the purchaser.

Wants Ellison's Address.
Mayor Stevely this morning received a letter from Mr. William R. South-Russell, of 23 Martin Avenue, Buffalo, asking for the address of Mr. Ellison, who is looking after the heirs of the famous Page estate, which is valued at \$750,000. His worship will endeavor to locate the man for the American writer.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup has been used for over THIRTY YEARS by MILLIONS OF MOTHERS for their CHILDREN WHILE TEETHING, WITH PERFECT SUCCESS. IT SOOTHES THE GUMS, LAYS ALL PAIN, CURES WIND COLIC and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. Sold by druggists in every part of the world.

CLOSE COLLEGIATE IN HONOR OF "NICK"

The Board of Education Honors Memory of Grand Old Man.

Out of respect to Nicholas Wilson, who was formerly a teacher there, the Collegiate Institute will close tomorrow afternoon and a large number of the pupils will attend the funeral. The Collegiate teachers have sent a beautiful carnation wreath, the London Old Boys' Association a large broken column, and the board of education a lamp. The members of the board, the Collegiate teachers and the city council will attend the funeral in a body.

Flags at the City Hall, the custom house, and other public buildings are flying at half-mast in honor of London's "Grand Old Man," and messages of condolence are coming to the family from all over the country. The funeral will be one of the largest ever seen in London, as Mr. Wilson knew nearly everybody and everybody knew him.

Old Boys Saddened.
The news of his death has been learned with the deepest regret by Old Boys all over Canada and the United States. Mr. Wilson was always the central figure in the Old Boys movement, and at every reunion he was called upon by hundreds of his former pupils, among them many men getting well on in life, and whom he had taught as boys. He was loved and beloved than Nicholas Wilson, and his earliest pupils as well as his last were his staunch friends.

An Old Pupil.
The Advertiser today received the following telegram from Mr. J. S. Brierley, proprietor of the Montreal Herald:

"Montreal, Que., March 16, 1909.
"As one of 'Nick' Wilson's boys I join with thousands of other London Old Boys in regretting his death and in honoring his memory."
"JAMES S. BRIERLEY."

LA PRESSE IS BEHIND THE MAJOR

In His Attitude in Regard to the Canadian Flag.

The interest taken in the controversy over the reported failure to promote Major Campbell of the Seventh Regiment to the position of colonel owing to views held by the major which do not conform with those of certain high military dignitaries, is evidenced by the large number of reports that have appeared in many Canadian and American papers. In the majority of instances the stand of Major Campbell is upheld, and he is commended on the position taken.

La Presse, the great French-Canadian newspaper of Montreal, has the following to say on the controversy: "Does General Cotton forget that the Dominion flag has a legal existence? In 1890, Sir Charles Tupper, then high commissioner for Canada in London, brought up the question and had it solved in the sense just mentioned. Lord Stanley of Preston himself, then governor-general of Canada, spoke of our national emblem as the flag recognized by the Dominion. The Dominion, both on land and water."

LEONARD McDONALD WON THE PRIZE

At a Series of Irish Readings at London Junction.

The members of the Young People's Guild held an entertainment in St. George's Presbyterian Church, London Junction, last evening, the feature number being a series of Irish readings. Leonard McDonald was awarded the prize and was presented with a number of Irish postcards.

Misses Jessie Dunstan and Helen Knaggs acted as judges. Among those who took part in the readings were the following: Harold Clarke, Wm. Glass, Miss Marion Moulie, Miss Beatrice Fisher, John Moulie, Wilbert Nuttycombe, Mary Patterson, Walter England, Stella Ross, Alma Neeley, Cora Nuttycombe, Louise Neeley, Jennie Cairncross and Carrie Neeley.

Will Glass read a paper signed by the boys of Pottersburg, in which the attitude of some of the older members was criticised.

HIT BY FAST EXPRESS

An M. C. R. Sectionman Run Down and May Not Recover.

Dutton, March 16.—Adam Amas, a sectionman of the M. C. R., and one of the oldest and most trusted employees of the road, was struck by fast express No. 26 yesterday afternoon and is not expected to recover. Amos and the gang were at work on the track, and had stepped off to let the flyer by. Unfortunately, he stepped back in order to receive a pick which had been left behind, and misjudging the speed and distance of the train, was struck before he could get out of the way. An arm and four ribs were broken and serious internal injuries inflicted.

Personal Mention

Toronto News: Miss Rita Cosby is visiting Miss Nita Hunt, in London.

Mr. Norman Kimpton, of London, is visiting his home on Princess street, Woodstock.

Mrs. Heaster Stacey is leaving Port Stanley and intends residing in Michigan.

Mr. Clark, of Wyton, left for Edmonton, Alberta, today at 11:18 a.m., via C. P. R.

Mr. J. A. Russell, of Chicago, T. P. A. for the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain Railway, was in the city this morning.

Mrs. I. Baker, of Littlewood, and Miss M. Blewett, of St. Thomas, have returned to their homes, after spending a few days with friends in South London.

Miss Clara Brown has returned to her home in St. Thomas, after spending a few days with Miss Blanche Baker, Cynthia street, South London.

Dr. Fred Neely, who for the past

CANADA'S FAMOUS MEN AND WOMEN

GLADLY TESTIFY TO THE GREAT VALUE OF "FRUIT-A-TIVES."

Hon. Senator Costigan (member of the cabinets of five premiers of Canada) says: "Fruit-a-tives is the only medicine I ever took that did me any good for constipation."

Mrs. J. R. Flock (widow of one of the most prominent physicians in London), writes: "I was a constant martyr to stomach weakness all my life and no physician could cure me, but Fruit-a-tives gave me entire relief and I strongly recommend this medicine."

Mr. Jas. Dingwall (superintendent of St. Andrew's Sunday school in Williamstown, Ont., for nine years) states: "I am now over eighty years old, and I can strongly recommend Fruit-a-tives for bladder and kidney trouble and chronic constipation."

Mr. H. Marchessault (high constable of Quebec), testifies: "I suffered for ten years with severe pain in the back. Nothing did me any good until I tried Fruit-a-tives."

Mr. W. J. MacComb (the leading merchant of Trenton, Ont.), writes: "I was a martyr to headaches—consulted doctors—wore glasses—without the slightest relief. I took Fruit-a-tives and this remedy cured me."

This is the kind of evidence that convinces. Dealers everywhere have "Fruit-a-tives" in a box, 6 for \$2.50, or trial box, 25c. Sent postpaid on receipt of price. Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa.

Year has been one of the house surgeons at Victoria Hospital, left this morning for St. Mary's, where he has accepted a position in the hospital there.

City and District

Sir Thomas Here.
Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, came through the city this afternoon.

Real Snowdrifts.
C. P. R. train No. 5, which is due here at 11:30 a.m. from the east, was 70 minutes late this morning owing to the heavy snowdrifts between Toronto and Woodstock. Some of the drifts it is alleged, are eight and ten feet deep.

Died in 90th Year.
Duncan Brown, formerly of Ivan, died at the home of his daughter in St. Mary's. Mr. Brown was 90 years old, and had only lived in St. Mary's for a short time. The funeral was held this afternoon from D. A. Baker's undertaking parlors to Ivan Cemetery.

Case Will Come Up.
Despite a rumor to the effect that the case of Smith vs. the City of London would not come up for consideration, owing to the fact that a bill has been introduced into the House dealing with the matter of the hydro-electric commission, Mr. McEvoy remarked today that unless Judge Riddell definitely refuses to hear the case he will continue with the action.

Found Rich Gem.
The police have in their possession a rough stone, supposed to be diamonds and pearls, supposed to have been lost last fall. It was found by a man, who turned it over to the police. The sum-buried is a valuable and valuable piece of jewelry, and it is thought it was advertised at the time it was lost. The owner can have the property by proving ownership.

The condition of the Courthouse.
To the Editor of The Advertiser:
My report of the 9th inst. has been stigmatized as misleading and contrary to existing conditions by Mr. Charles Mead, the city engineer. The truth of that gentleman's statements may be judged by an analysis of his criticism. The spacious basement, which has some odd thousand feet in area, and is likened by him to a room "30 by 40 feet" is in reality a long passage, eight feet wide in the main, five and six feet in other parts, occupied by three furnaces, and stacked up on one side with coals, which have to be laboriously carried in and carefully deposited in order to leave a narrow passageway to the different furnaces. Further, this basement or hole in the ground has a wooden ceiling, the under side of which is so close to the top of the furnaces that if examined by the city building inspector, it would be found contrary to the city bylaw and condemned as dangerous. The attention in the heating and ventilation in Mr. Flock's office was made at a date subsequent to my inspection of the building.

There are three cold-air grates connected with the furnaces at the main entrance, the two from outside being in front of the door, to the inside in the centre of the door opening, to be used for the same purpose, and also to take the contaminated air from the doors from all these gratings connect together. The same entrance door opens inward—another feature that the city building inspector might find contrary to the city ordinance. There are no less than seven floor gratings in the entrance hall alone, and the courtroom is heated entirely by two floor gratings, at the present moment in a polluted condition, and as they are at present constructed it is impossible to have them night or day.

Mr. Talbot seriously states that "the air in the courtroom is completely changed every hour and a half." He is apparently so little conversant with the subject that he ventures to criticize my report, and to pose as an authority. Does he know that other competent authorities hold that the air in such a room should be changed, as a

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The finishing touch to Suit or Costume is given with buttons and braid. Our button counter is a busy spot, because we keep supplied, as far as possible, with the kinds of buttons most in demand, besides covering buttons with your own material. At present we have a full assortment of sizes of wooden moulds for this purpose, and the following variety of covered and pearl buttons:

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PEARL BUTTONS, with self shanks, and some have fasteners for using on wash goods. Three large sizes. Also six sizes in sew-through pearl buttons.

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Fire Protection.
To the Editor of The Advertiser:
In your issue of Saturday, and in several before that, I have noticed letters signed "Practical Fire Protection," which it seems to me, deserve earnest consideration by our city council and water commissioners.

Since the Globe Casket Company's fire this mass of protection for our factory premises has struck me very forcibly, both as a taxpayer and as a workman, as requiring prompt action to avert a similar disaster. I am trying to get trace of the two sons; one, if not both. Their parents have been dead a great many years.

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Any information concerning one or both families will be thankfully received and suitably rewarded. JAMES L. MEAD, Wallaceburg, Ont., March 11, 1909.

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plowing is well advanced in the Dumfries-shire district, the open winter having been favorable for the work.

Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain and guaranteed cure for every form of itching, bleeding, and all other skin diseases. It is sold by all druggists and is the best remedy for all such ailments. Price 25c per box, 3 boxes for \$1.25.

Miss Barrymore Weds.
Boston, March 15.—Miss Ethel Barrymore, the actress, now appearing in "Lady Frederick" at the Hollis Street Theatre, and Russell Grawford Colt, of

Bristol, R. I., son of Col. Samuel Pomeroy Colt, for many years president of the United States Rubber Company, were married at the rectory of the Roman Catholic Church of the Most Precious Blood in Hyde Park, at 8:30 yesterday morning, according to announcement made tonight by Miss Barrymore's manager.

New York, March 15.—Oscar Hammerstein has under contract a young Canadian singer, Miss La Palme, whom he will present during the coming season in Massenet's opera, "Cinderella." The American rights to which he owns, Miss La Palme is at present in Paris. Mr. Hammerstein said today that he had not heard the new singer, except at a private trial.

"I was very much pleased," said he. "She is a soprano. I made one of my provisional contracts with her. This provided that after I had heard her sing in a public performance, I would have the right to her services. These contracts usually run for five years. I am planning to produce 'Cinderella' some time during the coming season, and Miss La Palme will be heard in it. She has sung in London and in France."

For Perth new Infirmary £10,000 still requires to be subscribed.

Mother Gave Her Child Away.

Had Given up all Hopes of Living. Heart Trouble was Cured by Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills.

Mrs. Andrew Savoy, Gratton's, N.B., writes:—"In the year 1905 I was taken sick and did not think I could live any length of time. My trouble was with my heart and people told me that nothing could be done for a case like mine. I consulted the very best doctors but they could do no good. For seven weeks I could hardly cross the floor. I had no pain, but was so weak nobody in the home could believe how I felt. I had given up all hopes of living and had given my little girl to my sister-in-law."

"One day a friend came to see me, and calling me by name, said, 'Lizzie, if I were you I would try a dose of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills as they are good for heart trouble.' My husband got me a box, but for two days I was not feeling any better, but on the fourth day my husband said, 'I believe those pills are doing you good.' I was able to say, 'Yes, I feel a good deal better this morning.' He said, 'Well, I will get you another box right away. I took two boxes and three doses out of the third one, and I was perfectly well and have not been sick since then.'

"I will never be without them in my home for God knows if it had not been for Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, I would not have been alive now."

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