

HOME RULE QUESTION.

Present Standing Outlined by Great Irish Leader.

(T. P. O'Connor in Ottawa Journal).

I gladly accept the invitation to state the present political and parliamentary position of the Home Rule cause in the columns of a Canadian journal...

For several years the leaders of the Irish movement have had to consider what would be the position of the cause when a Liberal majority was again returned to power.

But the adoption of a programme and the carrying of it into legislation are of course two different things, and the position created by the failure of the two attempts of Gladstone to carry Home Rule, imposed upon the Irish leaders the duty of considering whether a change of Irish conditions was necessary.

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been impatient and Mr. Balfour, relying upon it after it had been homogeneous, brought himself overwhelming disaster.

And thus I come to the second proposition which underlies our recent policy. The first is, as I have said, that no Liberal majority could be too great to carry Home Rule.

The second is, that no Liberal majority could be so big as to be able to drop Home Rule.

When, therefore, the last general election resulted in such a tremendous majority for the Liberal party, all sane Irishmen were glad, and they saw that at last there was a good prospect of Home Rule being carried within a comparatively short time.

They were further encouraged by the fact that the prime minister and leader of the Liberal party was a man whose adherence to their cause neither time nor defeat nor the weakening of the Liberal party had been able to destroy or weaken; they knew he was an honest, a frank and a courageous statesman, and they knew that intellectually he was well equipped to do his best to carry Home Rule.

Why, then, has not a Home Rule bill been proposed? It may be asked. The answer is quite simple. It was impossible to put a pistol to the head of the government and ask them to attempt in their very first year of office a task so difficult and so gigantic as that of Home Rule.

Six years ago Mr. Wellesley went out to the Sudan. "Disease was rampant," he said. "People like stock and growing crops were perishing almost without a finger lifted to stay the calamity, I was granted permission to inspect what had been named the Wellesley Research Laboratories, which were accommodated in five rooms of the east wing of the Gordon Memorial Hospital at Khartoum.

A floating laboratory. Mr. Wellesley has been one of Gordon's assistants on the Sudanese government and he will at once convert it into the first complete floating laboratory for the Sudan.

Mr. Greenwood. Canadian Magazine. Mr. Hamar Greenwood, member of the British House of Commons for the ancient city of York, has been visiting in Canada after the absence of several years.

ance lecture in Great Britain, got further experience in lecturing on Canada, and in return speaking for the Liberal Party. The Libera in the city of York heard his musical voice, his witty sentences and his robust humor, and desired him for their own with true Canadian modesty he accepted the invitation and returned to his prefecture Julius Caesar.

THE WANTS POWER TO LEASE. Ottawa Ont., Oct. 19.—Notice is given that the Quappelle Long Lake and Saskatchewan Railroad and Steamboat Co. will apply at next session for an authorizing the company to lease to the Canadian Northern Railway Co. the lines and to give said Company running powers there over and conforming an lease of 4 P. C. thirty year mortgage debenture stock made by the Company and declaring powers to the company with respect to consolidation of stock or portions of issues of securities of the Company and to give said Company change or otherwise of outstanding securities and to give said Company change or otherwise of securities retired in part.

STUDYING THE MICROBES. Cairo, Egypt, Oct. 13.—All Central Africa is going to be made perfectly habitable for the white man. The agricultural, industrial and commercial resources will become available. The Nile valley is rich in minerals and with the commerce of a numerous and happy people.

Mr. Wellesley. Mr. Wellesley, who made this statement, is the well known American chemist and bacteriologist of the same name.

THE BEST EXPOSURE. The best exposures, however, were found further north on streams breaking through the Bighorn range. There the Bighorn river cuts through and exposes a great number of seams, but most of these were crushed and very thin.

ALL IMPERIALISTS. The following is from an interview obtained by the Daily Express of London, England, with the Minister of the Interior for Canada, and widely copied by the Canadian press.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT. Strathcona Plaincorder, Mr. David Alexander, who lives in the Hubert addition of Strathcona, met with a fatal accident on Saturday night.

A FLOATING LABORATORY. Mr. Wellesley has been one of Gordon's assistants on the Sudanese government and he will at once convert it into the first complete floating laboratory for the Sudan.

BIG COAL FIND. Keotany Formations Traced Nearly to the Yellow Head Pass. Ottawa, Oct. 19.—A valuable discovery of bituminous coal has been made on the first terrace, about half a mile west of the limestone of the Bighorn range in the Canadian Rockies.

tan, but Mr. Dowling has now traced these formations past the Brazeau river to within seventy miles of the Yellow Head Pass.

The following report has been received by the director of the survey from Mr. Dowling:—The coal basins of the Rocky Mountains are as a rule not in continuous strips, but depend on the foldings of the mountains, and these are occasionally interrupted.

Regarding lumber, Mr. Tamura stated that several large shipments had been sent from Vancouver to Japan. In previous years all large orders were placed with the Americans, but only two orders were sent to the Americans this year.

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Tamura has interests in Kobe, Tokio and Hakko and exports iron and steel, lumber, salted salmon and canned salmon. He first introduced the Canadian flour on the Japanese market and has come more than any other to work up trade between Canada and Japan, and although he has had much to contend with he says that results have been very satisfactory.

Surv. with the object of showing that even the poorest lignite has as a coal producer a value equal in power to production of that of the best coal when used in the steam plant.

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For Heating Purposes. We are evidently wasting money using illuminating gas for fuel when the production of steam is the object. A purely heating gas should cost about fifteen cents per thousand feet. A town in the west well supplied with lignite at from six to eight per ton should start a producer gas plant to use lignite—heat the houses with gas at ten cents per 1,000, use the gas engine for electric lighting and water supply and run all the factories by the same means of producing power.

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