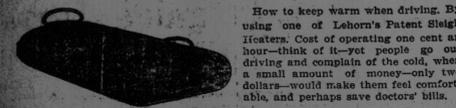


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HOCKEY. NO EVIDENCE AGAINST SMITH. MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—It did not take Judge Fliche long to dispose of the now famous hockey case, when he came up for trial in the Quebec court this morning.

ATHLETIC U. N. B. PLANS. Among the players on the U. N. B. basketball team, who played here last evening, was Joe Wood, the captain of their track team. He says that his men have not started in training yet, but the gymnasium is being fitted up with the latest appliances and the boys will start in for hard work shortly.

ON THE ALLEYS ON BLACK'S ALLEYS. There was a record attendance at Black's alleys last evening, the attraction being the match game in which McCord and Paterson easily defeated Campbell and Archibald. The result came as a surprise and the bowling of the winners was of high rank, Paterson making an average of 103 1-2 and McCord of 96 1-3. The score was as follows: S. McCord, 88, 99, 104, 239-98 1-3; F. Paterson, 103, 107, 99, 219-103 1-3.

WANT TO PLAY PORTLAND Y.M.A. The U. N. B. basketball team are desirous of arranging a game with the Portland Y. M. A. team, the winners of the local league, and if the game is arranged, will play here in a couple of weeks. The game would be interesting.

A Few Smokers Have not yet tried the BEST CIGAR EVER SOLD, THE PIXIE

CURLING. The Thistles will play Carleton this afternoon and evening. There will be six rinks on each side.

MISS MACLAREN WED. In the Thistle Curling Rink yesterday morning the finals for the trophies donated by James S. Gregory, president of the Thistle Club were played

PLACE OF FISCAL REFORM IN UNIONIST PARTY'S PLATFORM DISCUSSED BY AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN AND MR. BALFOUR

Addressing the Midland Liberal Unionist Association at Walsall on January 31, Mr. Austen Chamberlain said: "I would be able to deny that in the Unionist party there was a good deal of unrest and some discontent. They found that tariff reformers felt that in spite of the position which Mr. Balfour had assigned to the question, they had not in the past received the support from the central organization which they had a right to expect from that body, and that they had not had in the speeches of the leaders of the party that prominent advocacy of the great question to which the position assigned to it by Mr. Balfour was a result which they complained that many who might be their warm and strenuous supporters were here hesitating and that they failed to arouse the enthusiasm of earnest and patriotic men, that in place of confidence and eager activity there was lukewarmness and indifference. He spoke as a tariff reformer. They were loyal to their party and their leader. Even if they were not from Mr. Balfour they would still have a right to urge their views respectfully upon his attention and to ask for a reconsideration of the case. If they were asking something not yet accepted by the great majority of the party, if they were the pioneers of a new movement, they would still be entitled to urge their views, and to have their views listened to upon their merits without being exposed to charges and innuendoes of this kind.

TARIFF REFORM FIRST.

But by every test they could apply tariff reformers were the great majority of the Unionist party. They comprehended the most active, the most able and the most energetic in it, and it was right and necessary that the leaders of their party should have been frank and before them. But in this case they did not differ from their leader. They meant that they would not accept the policy which Mr. Balfour would assign to them, and that they would not be prepared to treat Mr. Balfour's first constructive work of the Unionist party as a mere pious opinion upon an abstract question, but that they meant to keep the question in the position which Mr. Balfour had assigned to it in his declaration, in their programme. They meant that they would not be again returned to power, as it would be, that the composition of the majority would be such that they might pursue the policy he laid down without fear or opposition. He was a party man, because he believed it was only by the support of a party that great reforms could be carried. But if it ceased to be a party matter, the majority would elicit no confidence from the country.

OBJECTS OF THE PARTY.

What were the objects for which their party existed? They were to preserve the great traditions of our national life, to carry forward that splendid series of social reforms which the present Prime Minister admitted the other day had been the special work of the Conservative party, and to associate the maintenance of the great institutions with which our history was inextricably entwined with the order, progress and increasing well-being of our people, and then to carry from our own domestic circle into the policy of national politics. If he put tariff reform in the forefront of their programme, it was because he believed that the reform of social relations they needed money, and if every reform required money, it would require vast sums of money. It was for want of that money that the Unionist party, the pioneer in this reform, had been unable to carry it to a successful conclusion. Tariff reform was the one method open to them by which they might raise a great revenue for this and similar purposes without injustice, without hardship, without robbery, and without jobbery. He put tariff reform in the forefront also because it offered the possibility of increased employment by defending our people in the part of their programme which was artificially stimulated competition, by putting in their hands an instrument by which they could negotiate a freer access to the foreign markets from which we were now being increasingly excluded, and by securing a preferential position in those great and developing markets which were offered by our kinsmen beyond the seas. It was the first step towards the closer union of all the British race.

A GREAT IMPERIAL QUESTION.

It was a great Imperial question. If we were content to drop it our kinsmen across the seas were trying to establish a network of Imperial preference and trade relations among all the scattered peoples of the Empire, from which we alone were excluded by our own indifference and fault. Our relations with these sister nations would make them better time would make them worse. Some people said we wanted to see sentiment strengthened by the solid bands of close commercial intercourse and that we would not negotiate a trade preference with them unless it was the result of a treaty of friendship with them. The question was of vital importance to the future of the Empire which we had the privilege to inherit from our fathers, and which it should be our pride, as it was our duty, to preserve for our children. A resolution declaring unflinching adherence to Unionism and tariff reform was carried unanimously.

LOCAL NEWS

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TAGGED BABY IN THEATRE. Slept in the Ladies' Cloak Room While Parents Heard Opera.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—There was no big audience at the Manhattan Opera House last night that the baby of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lewis had to be checked in the ladies' cloak room. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis had come all the way from Winnipeg to hear Melba. When they arrived at the Opera House they found that they could get only two seats, "What shall I do with the baby?" said Mrs. Lewis tearfully. "I'm afraid we shall have to go away without seeing the opera, please let us take it into the house."

RECENT DEATHS.

MRS. JOHN McFEE. SACKVILLE, Feb. 18.—The death of Mrs. John McFee on Saturday evening removes from Upper Sackville one of the oldest residents of the place. Deceased had reached the venerable age of ninety-seven years. She was a remarkable woman for her age. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Phillip Loret, at whose home her death occurred, and Mrs. Geo. F. Estabrook of Sackville. Isaac McFee of Upper Sackville is a son. Funeral will be held this afternoon. Ref. E. L. Stevens will officiate.

PERSONALS

Percy C. Schaefer, son of H. H. Schaefer, division freight agent of the I. C. R. of this city, has been removed from Ottawa to take the position of assistant accountant at the main office of the Merchants' Bank of Canada at Montreal.

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Police! Police! BIG SPORTS Victoria Rink, Thursday, Feb. 21

SEE THE LIST OF EVENTS: Boys' race, one mile. Junior Boys' Race, half mile. 20 Yards. 40 Yards. 80 Yards. One Mile. Half Mile Hurdles. Snow Shoe Race (Police). Snow Shoe Race (Open). Police Race, Class I. Police Race, Class II. Fireman's Race. St. Railway Men's Race. Elegant prizes for each event. Entries received at office of rink and to F. W. Jenkins, secretary to committee.

MRS. JOHN CAMERON.

Mrs. John Cameron died at Kara, Kings Co., on Feb. 18th. Two sons and two daughters survive. Mrs. Isaac Erb of this city is a sister.

SAMUEL STEWART.

DORCHESTER, Feb. 18.—Samuel Stewart, trade instructor in the maritime penitentiary, died today at Hope-well Cape, where he went about five weeks ago. Death was caused by cancer. He was 68 years of age.