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AN OVERWORKED PARLIAMENT.

According to the Associated Press despatch, Hon. T. Brassy says that the project of having colonial representatives sit in the Imperial parliament is impossible under the present breakdown of parliamentary government in the British house of commons. He fears that the British empire will be thrown into an attitude of hostility to the empire by the failure to give attention to questions affecting their homes. His remedy is to federalize the empire, after the Canadian or Australian plan.

Probably if the British empire were being reconstituted, the federal plan would be adopted. The British parliament has too much to do. It deals with matters of such a nature that the jurisdiction of the Dominion parliament, for instance, the tariff, with matters that would be handled by the local legislatures, such as education, and even with certain municipal business. Colonial representatives would be of little use in such a body. They would seldom catch the Speaker's eye, and much of their time would be spent in enforced idleness, while matters of only domestic importance were being considered.

If one were drafting a constitution on paper, he would have a great imperial council or parliament, with colonial representatives, and local legislatures for England and Wales, Ireland and Scotland. But such a scheme would be entirely at variance with old country ideas. The British constitution is a thing of gradual growth, and has been modified from time to time under the strain of actual necessity. Something of the kind is needed now to relieve the pressure of work on parliament, but it will not be a brand new constitution.

THE BRITISH PREFERENCE.

The recent tariff changes, and the hints thrown out by the minister of finance, have cast some doubt on the future of the British preference. The law of 1897 contained a provision that the lower tariff should be allowed on imports from any country which admitted the products of Canada on favorable terms. Great Britain was included, of course, but there was no offer of reciprocity to others that were ready to deal fairly with us. In practice this plan was productive of endless trouble. At the intercolonial conference that was held during the Victoria Jubilee, it was suggested that the preference should be confined to Great Britain and its colonies; and in 1898 the law was amended. In the same year, by the operation of the original law, the preference was increased to 25 per cent, and in 1900 it was increased by statute to 33-1/3 per cent. This was a little too much for the Canadian woolen manufacturers, and they have since been carrying on an agitation for relief, which was granted in part by Mr. Fielding's last tariff. The minimum duty on certain classes of woollens was increased from 23-1/3 per cent. to 30 per cent. At the same time the minimum duties on china and other figures below those of the British preference.

By these amendments the government abandons the principle of a horizontal reduction on British imports. It declares that the duties on goods from other countries shall be lower than on foreign imports; but that the reduction shall be made according to the circumstances of each particular case. This method will also be followed in the revision of the tariff, which Mr. Fielding promised. It will make the tariff a more complicated affair, but it will allow more freedom of action to the government.

The government were afraid to touch the woollen duties, so long as they thought that such a step involved the abolition of the preference, or going back to the old 25 per cent. preference. They have now discovered a new and more convenient way of meeting demands for tariff changes. Every item will stand on its own bottom. The tariff on British imports will be lower than on foreign imports, but the difference will not be always one-third. In the case of certain woollen goods it is now only one seventh. It is a great deal less, and its abolition threatened by the proposed revision of the tariff. It is said that its future is now doubtful.

HOLLAND'S COLONIAL WAR.

During the campaign of calumny that accompanied the Dutch ultimatum to the South African war, no European nation save Germany was more industriously concerned in the manufacture and dissemination of slanders on the British troops than Holland. Nevertheless, the attitude of the Dutch did not lead to the same outburst of popular resentment as was excited by the procedure and methods of the jealous and unscrupulous Teuton. It was recognized that the strong racial sympathy which existed between the people of the Netherlands and their kinsmen of the South African republic rendered a certain amount of prejudice and partiality inevitable, however indiscreet and untrue were some of the forms in which their effects were manifested. Race feeling apart, Holland has every reason to stand well with Britain, which is the only disinterested guarantor of her independence and of the integrity of her colonies. The attitude of the Netherlands is by no means free from doubt. Germany has a greedy eye and throws many a longing glance towards the convenient harbors and magnificent colonial heritage that still fly the Dutch flag. And Holland's sheet anchor is Britain's friendship and support.

Holland, from much the same reasons as impelled the early English navigators, persistently sought an empire over seas. With only a little better fortune, the Netherlands might have played a larger part than they have done in the history of European colonization. But the Dutch have been strikingly successful as administrators, not as their ruler popular among the native races they govern. The short period of British rule in Java is still looked back upon by the Javanese as a golden age, as a part of their happier traditions. Canada, indeed, is not the only part of the world that has suffered from the insular ignorance of British statesmen, for the colonial minister who gave back Java to the Dutch possessed no better information than a vague idea that it was an unimportant island some 200,000, whose particular habitat is in the north of that island, but who the Dutch have been making a considerable slaughter among the natives. According to despatches appearing yesterday, there has been further fighting, resulting in the killing of about 100 men, women and children, and the number of natives who have been regarded. One wonders if there will be any recrudescence of the humanitarian sentiment which found so ready an outlet during the Boer war. But, whether or not, such indiscriminate massacre is not worthy of a nation professing such high moral principles as those so broadly laid down by the Dutch critics of British methods. It is a pity for the reputation of our German and Dutch mentors that their practices as generalists should be so completely at variance with their precepts and still less with their protestations.

Was Friend of Rhodes.

One of the most prominent figures in African religious circles will arrive in Toronto to-morrow. Joseph Carey Hartzell, Methodist Episcopal Bishop of Africa, will be in the city to-morrow. He is a personal friend of the late Cecil Rhodes, and on different occasions received from him large sums of money to be used in his mission work. It is said that Bishop Hartzell will speak several times during the session of the school.

Knox College Summer School.

Prof. J. E. MacPherson, M.A., delivered an address before the Knox College Summer School yesterday morning on "Studies in the Psalter." Dr. Kelly gave an interesting talk on the principles of the Knox College Summer School. The speaker spoke on the conditions existing in Japan, and the many ways in which the subjects of the missionary study class and the missionary library.

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FAVOR MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP OF ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANTS

Retail Merchants' Association in Line With Progress-Belleville Man Elected President for the Ensuing Year.

The Retail Merchants' Association closed its convention yesterday afternoon. The following are the officers for the ensuing year:

President, A. L. Gen, Belleville. First vice-president, T. F. Kingsmill, London. Second vice-president, H. C. Ellis, Ottawa.

Treasurer, W. B. Rogers, Toronto (re-elected). Secretary, E. M. Trowen, Toronto (re-elected).

The telephone and electric light committee reported on the proposed municipal ownership of electric light plants as the only way to receive a proper service.

On motion of F. C. Higgins, seconded by J. H. McPherson, the question of Federal and Transatlantic Trade was referred to a committee with power to make a bill to be presented to the legislature.

For Small Debts. A bill, a simplified form of collecting small debts was made, but the committee was unable to get it passed.

Any one more of his majesty's justice of the peace may receive the complaints upon oath of the parties concerned. This was a new provision.

The total charge for fees to magistrates for receiving complaints and issuing summonses to either by himself or his assistants.

All justices of the peace now appointed by the magistracy will be under jurisdiction under the proposed act.

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EARLY CLOSING HELD BY THE CITY COUNCIL

By-Law Requiring all Barber Shops To Close at 8 p.m. is Put Thru.

The city council held a long session yesterday, but got thru a considerable amount of business before 7 o'clock.

The building bylaw was passed, the annexation of the Davenport-road and North Roadside districts was endorsed, the purchase of the additional equipment for the protection recommended by Chief Thompson was ordered and the early closing movement was helped along by a bylaw requiring all barber shops to be closed at 8 o'clock.

Annexation Question.

The North Roadside district was first taken up, and H. M. McGhie, K.C., appeared for the Manitoba Loan Co., G. H. Ritchie, K.C., and Lady Edgar, owners of property south of the railway tracks and bounded by the ravines. Mr. McGhie stated that the property was worth \$300,000. The lands were assessed at about \$175,000 and their value would be greatly increased in the near future.

Bridge Ready August 1. W. S. Andrews also favored annexation of this district, saying that the township had not spent 25 cents on the section in seven years, although it received \$200,000 in taxes. They were building a bridge which would carry street cars, and it would be finished by June. There were no liabilities connected with the district, and with in six or seven years there would be a handsome half million dollars spent in building.

Dr. J. F. W. Ross strongly opposed the limits going beyond Summerhill-avenue, and W. C. Williams, representing the property between that avenue and the C. P. R. tracks, also objected to what he called a piece of being added to the city. F. J. Dunbar and M. E. Jackson also opposed annexation, on behalf of themselves and other owners in the northern section.

Boundaries Agreed To.

Ald. McGhie moved that the limits of the district to be annexed should be bounded on the north by a point 120 feet north of Summerhill-avenue, on the east by the Belt Line tracks and on the south and west by the present limits. This was agreed to, the exact limits being set out in a resolution prepared by the city solicitor.

Controller Spencer made a desperate attempt to have the proposals sent back for further information, taking the same ground as Commissioner Fleming in opposing the annexation of small sections. He thought the property was being brought into the city to compete with land which had been paying taxes for many years, and if an extension of the limits was desirable it should go as far as Rosell-avenue, so that the property should be paying taxes on the same basis as the other property in the city.

The vote on the question of annexation was 16 for and 16 against. The required number was obtained at the last moment. Controller Spencer, who was present, said that he had 16 other members, including the mayor.

Approved No Argument.

The Davenport-road district aroused no argument and passed on the same division. It includes the property from a point 120 feet north of Davenport-road and the city limits north to a point the same distance north of Davenport-road and running west and southwest to Poplar Plains-road.

Controller Spencer introduced the earliest closing bylaw. He wished it put thru at once, in order that the barbers might have their evenings free during the summer. The mayor said that the matter should go to the legislation committee and moved in that direction. The motion was carried unanimously and J. R. Beamish addressed the council on behalf of the barbers. He stated that the district was valued at \$100,000, or ten more than the 75 per cent. required by the act. The four members who did the business and got better service from their men with shorter hours.

Gen. M. J. McPherson, who was followed by T. Earl, who also opposed early closing, President W. H. Chinn of the barbers, who was followed by J. R. Beamish, who also opposed early closing, and the bylaw was read a third time and finally passed. It will go into effect on July 15. The doors must be closed at 8 o'clock, but those inside may be served after that time. The penalty for infraction was fixed at not more than \$50 and costs.

With a Few Changes.

The building bylaw was put thru with a few minor changes and with little discussion. Edmund Burke appeared for the City Architects' Association, and stated that consideration be deferred until their committee in charge of the matter should be enabled to report.

The council, however, was unanimously of opinion that there had been much delay in the matter and that if any changes were desired later the bylaw should be amended. The city architect and the city engineer were asked to prepare a plan for the improvement of the city.

The report of the board of control, including the recommendations of the city engineer, was read and the bylaw authorizing \$20,000 to be spent on Cowan-avenue fire hall and the purchase of fire-fighting equipment was passed without any important changes.

To Employ an Engineer.

Ald. Sheppard gave notice that he would move that the board of control be instructed to consider the expediency of employing a competent and expert railroad engineer to report on the question of the union station and the extension of the railway to the city.

Ald. Sheppard also gave notice that the city engineer should be requested to consider the expediency of passing a bylaw providing that conveyances and vehicles driving on streets running north and south should be driven on streets running east and west.

Ald. Ramsden moved, seconded by Ald. Geary, that the attention of the commissioner of public works be called to the inefficient fenders being used by the Toronto Railway Company, and that he be asked to provide for proper life-saving fenders and to see that only such fenders are used in the city.

July 14 is the Date.

Do not forget New York Central's excursion to New York, good 15 days, running, and good on Hudson River steamers. See Louis Drago, Canadian Passenger agent, 605 Yonge-street, Toronto.

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90 pairs Men's Trousers, made of all-wool tweeds, in neat dark patterns and July-line stripes, three pocket, well made, sizes 33 to 42. Regular \$2.25 and \$2.50. Friday..... 1.49

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Small Men's and Youth's Summer Outing and Boating Suits, unlined, made of light weight, navy blue serge, edges trimmed with cord, vacuum wear; sizes 6 to 10. Regular price \$2.50. July sale price, Friday bargain..... .69

Men's Canvas Boots Half Price

Men's White Canvas Lace Boots and Oxfords; Goodyear welted, best quality for hot weather and vacation wear; sizes 6 to 10. Regular price \$2.50. July sale price, Friday bargain..... 1.25

Boys' Summer Suits \$4.00 to \$4.50 2-Piece Suits \$2.69

Boys' 2-piece Suits, in neat dark imported tweeds, grey and brown mixtures in Norfolk Jacket style, good Italian linings, sizes 8 to 12. Regular \$4.50 to \$4.50. Friday bargain..... 2.69

Collar Buttons at 2c Each

50 grades 10 kt. Gold-filled Collar Buttons, all strongly made. The lever buttons for front or back, and the solid post buttons for front, have celluloid, bone, pearl and gold-filled back. Your choice of any style. Regularly selling at 2c each. Friday..... 2

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An early shopping attraction for Friday morning. Umbrellas for ladies and men, in all styles, nice, nice, nice, handles of wood, bone and pearl, steel rods, extra strong frames, and all well made. Regular \$1.25 to \$1.50 each. Friday bargain..... 90c

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Children's Straw Suits: plain and fancy braids; silk streamers or bow on side, with plain or striped hats. Regular \$1.00. Friday bargain..... .69

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Children's Suits: plain and fancy braids; 10 dozen; regular \$1.00; Friday bargain..... .25

Men's Boaters: in seashell and chip braid, with navy or black silk bands. 10 dozen; regular \$3.00; Friday bargain..... 1.19

Boys' Canton and Chip Straw Boaters: navy or black silk bands; 10 dozen; regular \$2.00 and 30c; Friday bargain..... .19

Children's White Duck and Figue Tan Suits: soft top, plain or striped bands, bow or steamer on side; regular \$2.00 and 30c; Friday bargain..... .19

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