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### OTTAWA NEWS

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—The government has received the resolution of the Montreal Board of Trade in favor of the acquisition by Canada of the French islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon. It is to be sent to the colonial office.

According to D. H. Ross, commercial agent for the Dominion in Australia, there is every prospect of Canada being given before long tariff preference in Australia. Writing to the department of trade and commerce, Mr. Ross says his work has been encouraging and that all along the line a warm desire is expressed to increase importation from Canada. There is a good opening in West Australia for Canadian carriages, harness, refrigerators and asbestos coverings.

Sir Fred Borden while in England will purchase field artillery and siege and maxin guns, and will confer with the war office in regard to the appointment of a Canadian officer to command the Canadian militia. Of field artillery, there will probably be about ten or a dozen batteries of maxin guns, enough to form a company in connection with every city corps. At present there are not more than fifteen maxims in the country.

Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, and Mr. Goudreau, deputy minister, will proceed to Boston tomorrow to investigate the workings of a new system of warning ships by means of a submerged bell, the vibrations caused by which are communicated to the approaching ships by means of a receiver installed on board.

### VERDICT AGAINST VROOM.

OTTAWA, Dec. 7.—In the exchequer court today Judge Burbridge decided in Vroom v. the King, a petition of right for damages alleged to have been caused by the construction of the deep water terminus of the I. C. R. at St. John, where the wharf of the suppliant collapsed. The petition was dismissed, the learned judge holding that the collapse of the wharf was not due to government works. Pugsley for the suppliant; McAlpine for the crown.

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### ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH GUILD.

Professor Cyrus MacMillan of Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, delivered an admirable lecture before the St. Stephen's Church guild last evening on "The Conception of Immortality in English Poetry, with special reference to the poets of the Nineteenth century."

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### THE POLICY FOR CANADA.

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getting this traffic. (Cheers.) The opposition policy, if worked out, will bring Canadian produce to Canadian ports for shipment. The Grand Trunk Pacific scheme will take Canadian produce to United States ports for shipment. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said it was a pity that geography was against us, but he (Borden) told him that we were spending a hundred millions and should endeavor to see it eliminated the adverse geographical element. (Cheers.)

Regarding the Quebec-Moncton section of the proposed line Mr. Borden showed how the government's policy would place in the hands of a rival company the power to destroy the usefulness of the I. C. R. The opposition policy was that if it were found that a shorter line through New Brunswick was needed to give the ports of St. John and Halifax a better fighting chance against the competition of American ports, it should be built by the government, and maintained as a part of the I. C. R.

Mr. Borden said another part of the opposition policy was that the government should undertake the proper equipment and maintenance of the great ports of Montreal, St. John, Halifax, etc., as free national ports by the government. The speaker complimented the people of St. John on the manner in which they had looked after the equipment of their own port, and was glad that their efforts had been crowned with so much success.

Mr. Borden then took up the part of the opposition policy in reference to the adequate protection of Canadian industries. He showed up the inconsistency of the government in matters of tariff. In the west they talk free trade while in the east they advocate protection. He (Borden) was cautioned against speaking from a protectionist standpoint in the west and that if he did it he must have a "No. 1 Hard" nerve. He did have a "No. 1 Hard" nerve, for he went to the west and preached protection and found that nine-tenths of the people there were in favor of it. The liberal party, on the other hand, are for free trade. They are advancing in the west what they would not put forth in the east. The men at the head of the liberal party are prepared to adopt any policy which will keep them in power. (Cheers.)

The Conservative party stands solely for sufficient protection to keep Canadian workmen in the home factories and to ensure Canadian manufacturers against the dumping of the highly protected industries of the United States.

In discussing the imperial preferential policy Mr. Borden said:

From 1889 down the conservative party has claimed that the empire would be benefited by policy of preferential trade within the empire. Mr. Foster introduced a resolution in 1892 to that effect. In 1896 both parties agreed as to that. From 1896 down the government has done nothing except that in 1897 Sir Wilfrid said in England that Canada wanted no preference in return for that given by her, but that we gave it in return for the freedom that England gave to the Canadian people. Mr. Ritchie said in 1897 that Canadian food products were not to be exempted from the tax, as Canada wanted no preference. We believe that it would be of great advantage to Canada to obtain a system in the British market—that it would tend to settle the west far more rapidly than is the case now—that whatever tends to strengthen Canada tends to strengthen the empire, and the same applies to countries forming part of the British empire. I am glad that my friend Mr. Foster has been the man who, next to Mr. Chamberlain, has placed that policy before the British people, so that they comprehend and understand it. (Applause.) I believe that Mr. Chamberlain will be successful, if not at the next election, in the near future. Our policy as defined in parliament has been designed to support a measure of that kind. At the close of the session of 1902 I told the prime minister, before he went to the colonial conference, that I would favor a unanimous resolution of the house on the question of IMPERIAL PREFERENTIAL TRADE if he so desired, and that I would answer for the conservative party. We thought it right that Canada should be the first colony to take the matter up. (Cheers.) We asked Sir Wilfrid to have that unanimous resolution passed. He expressed his thanks for our offer, but no result has yet been seen.

In concluding his remarks Mr. Borden briefly reviewed the situation, province by province, showing the splendid gains the party had made in recent elections, all indicating great success for the future. In conclusion he heartily thanked the magnificent audience for the splendid hearing they had accorded him. Mr. Borden was given cheer after cheer as he resumed his seat.

### L. O. A.

The annual meeting of Johnston L. O. No. 24, was held at the Hotel, Orleans street, last evening. The reports of the officers showed that the lodge had a very prosperous year. The county master, Hon. H. A. McKeown, presided during the evening, and which resulted as follows: Geo. Elliott, W. M.; Walter Munford, D. M.; James Holman, chap.; M. McLeod, rec. sec.; Joseph A. Johnston, fin. sec.; Charles Robinson, treas.; Geo. J. Deniston, D. of C.; Randolph Wottridge, lect.; S. E. Wark, 1st com.; James Sullivan, P. M., 2nd com.; D. B. Webster, P. M., 3rd com.; Wm. Simpson, F. M., 4th com.; H. C. Johnston, 5th com.; Fred Nice, inside tyler; Wm. Rogers, outside tyler.

### KING'S DAUGHTERS.

The regular monthly meeting of the King's Daughters' Guild was held yesterday afternoon. Report of the recent rummage sale showed that \$144 had been cleared. This will be applied towards the payment of accounts and the mortgage on the guild. The guild is scarcely self-supporting and efforts will be made to curtail expenses. Miss Bessie Bowman has been appointed matron in place of Mrs. Hetherington, who has accepted a similar position at the asylum, and Miss C. A. Pratt secretary, in place of Miss Hanson.

### DIED AT HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 7.—The death occurred today of the wife of Dr. E. H. Lawersson. Interment will be at Amherst. Rev. F. W. M. Bacon of Point Lepreau, and Henry Bacon of Digby are brothers of the deceased.

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### TO MEET MR. BORDEN.

Number of Party Leaders and Representatives Here Yesterday.

A number of conservatives from outside of St. John, who were in town Monday to attend the Borden meeting, gathered at the York Theatre rooms yesterday afternoon for an informal conference with the opposition leader and St. John friends. Among these were Senator Wood, H. A. Powell, K. C., and Major Frank Black from Sackville. John McAllister from Campbellton; R. D. Wilnot, M. P. Colonel Montgomery Campbell and G. B. Jones from Kings; Hon. Geo. J. Colter, Captain Harry McLeod, Moses White and William Butler from York; G. W. Ganong, Major John D. Chipman and Fred Waterson, St. Stephen; James E. Osman, Milltown; A. T. Harritt, M. P., and A. C. Calder, St. Andrews; Col. Vince, J. C. Hartley, J. Norman Wainlow and J. V. Monahan, Woodstock, with a large group of party workers from this city and county.

Mr. Borden spent an hour or two in conversation with the visitors from different counties, exchanging views with them as to the local and general situation, and impressing upon all the need of prompt and effective preparation for the campaign.

Afterward Senator Wood was called to the chair in order to allow Mr. Borden to address the gathering. Senator Wood said that Mr. Borden was certainly doing his part and that it was high time for others to take action.

Mr. Borden spoke briefly, pointing out that as the regular party organization in the maritime provinces was not nearly so thorough as in Ontario, Quebec and the west, it was the more necessary to have the campaign organization at work. While there might in some cases be exceptional reasons for delaying the nomination of candidates, he was sure that as a general rule it was a great advantage to be in the field in good time.

Mr. Ganong, Mr. Wilnot, Mr. McAllister, Mr. Hazen, Mr. Powell, Col. Vince and others took part in a general discussion. A resolution was passed by a standing vote expressing warm appreciation of Mr. Borden's services as leader. Senator Wood then left the chair and the rest of the afternoon was spent in general conversation.

### FREDERICTON NEWS

FREDERICTON, Dec. 7.—A meeting of the executive committee of the Agricultural Society, No. 24, was held this afternoon. Vice-President Hilyard presiding. C. H. Giles and Samuel Hatheway of Kingsclear and W. H. Hoper, secretary, were elected delegates from the society to attend the mid-winter stock show at Amherst. The executive also decided to hold an exhibition here Sept. 21st to Sept. 28th, 1905.

The death of Mary Ann Stephenson, widow of the late Andrew Stephenson of Burton, Sunbury Co., took place this morning at Gibson at the advanced age of 92. She is survived by one son, Isaac W. Stephenson of Sheffield, and three daughters, Mrs. Frowdsham, Belfast, Londonderry and Queensferry, £25.00. Call on nearest C. P. R. agent, or For Freight rates apply to C. B. POSTER.

### HUNGARIAN COUNT IN LOVE ROMANCE.

Sees a Poor Seamstress in the Gallery of a Vienna Theatre and Becomes Infatuated.

VIENNA, Dec. 7.—All Vienna is talking of a sensational love romance. The hero is Count Stephen Gyulai, a wealthy young Hungarian aristocrat, and the heroine Fraulein Elizabeth Kolassa.

She is a seamstress, who has been giving her earnings to help maintain a widowed father and his five children, only reserving for herself once monthly the price of a seat in the gallery of the Burg Theatre. There Count Gyulai noticed the maiden, and her charms made a deep impression on him. He ultimately secured her address and entered her father's humble shop some time ago and explained the situation. He will shortly lead the seamstress to the altar.

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### RISIBILITIES.

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"Ach, Nora, me darlint, I can't bear the separation. If we must part let's go together."  
—Kansas City Journal.

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### DEPARTURES.

By Canadian Pacific.  
Express for Boston ..... 6.45 a. m.  
Express for Fredericton ..... 8.05 a. m.  
Express for Montreal ..... 8.05 p. m.  
Express for Boston ..... 8.10 p. m.  
By Intercolonial.  
Mixed for Moncton ..... 6.30 a. m.  
Express for Halifax, Campbellton, Pictou and Sydney ..... 7.00 a. m.  
Express for Moncton and Point du Chene, Pictou and Halifax ..... 12.15 p. m.  
Express for Moncton ..... 1.15 p. m.  
Express for Sussex ..... 4.30 p. m.  
Express for Quebec and Montreal ..... 6.00 p. m.  
Express for Halifax and Sydney ..... 11.25 p. m.  
By New Brunswick Southern.  
Express for St. Stephen ..... 7.50 a. m.

### ARRIVALS.

By Canadian Pacific.  
Express from Fredericton ..... 8.25 a. m.  
Express from Boston ..... 11.55 a. m.  
Express from Montreal ..... 11.55 a. m.  
Boston Express ..... 11.55 p. m.  
By Intercolonial.  
Express from Halifax and Sydney ..... 6.50 a. m.  
Express from Sussex ..... 8.00 a. m.  
Express from Moncton and Quebec ..... 1.50 p. m.  
Mixed from Moncton ..... 4.50 p. m.  
Express from Halifax, Pictou and Campbellton ..... 5.40 p. m.  
Express from Halifax, Sydney and Pictou ..... 8.40 p. m.  
Express from Sydney, Halifax and Pictou (Sunday only) ..... 12.35 a. m.  
Express from St. Stephen ..... 7.10 p. m.

### STEAMBOAT SERVICE.

By Dominion Atlantic.  
S. S. Prince Rupert leaves St. John every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7.45 o'clock; arriving from Digby at 9 a. m.

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