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## SEATINGS AND LORD DUNDONALD'S SPEECH MEANS HIS RESIGNATION

### Montreal Herald Says That Mr. Fisher Was Acting Minister of Militia When Incident Occurred.

Ottawa, June 8.—(Special.)—The Dundonald episode was up in the senate to-day, and the opinion was openly expressed by the senators that if the report of the general's attack upon Hon. Sydney Fisher were correct it meant the general's sudden departure from Canada.

### TEXT OF LORD DUNDONALD'S SPEECH.

Montreal, June 8.—(Special.)—The following is a verbatim report of Lord Dundonald's speech: "When a nation is at war and when national danger stares that nation in the face, it entrusts the promotion and the selection for the advancement to the general whom it entrusts to lead it. Political intrigue for personal advancement other than that deserved by military efficiency is dormant in times of national terror. (Hear, hear.) But when peace comes and all is quiet, and the vigilance of a nation for its national interests is at rest, political intrigues and schemes then begin to weave their nets, the nation no longer, at that time, being watchful. But I care not, gentlemen, who the man is, if he advances one man or penalizes another on account of the political color of his party, I say that man, whoever that man may be, is not a friend of his country. (Applause.) Recently, gentlemen, a gross instance of political interference has occurred. I sent a list of officers of the 13th Light Dragoons to The Gazette, the 13th, commanded by an efficient gentleman whom I see here now. I sent a list of these officers to The Gazette. I was astonished to receive the list back, with the name of one officer scratched off and initialed by the minister of agriculture, Mr. Sydney Fisher. That gentleman was a man I considered well equipped to serve the King in the 13th Scottish Regiment—(Applause.)—Dr. Pickle, mayor of Sweetwater, chosen of course by the champion of Missisquoi. What better man to serve the King? (Hear, hear.) I feel certain that had Mr. Fisher's life led him to soldierly instead of to agriculture, he would feel annoyed, perhaps on personal grounds, at the extraordinary forward by a man involved in scratching the name of a gentleman forward by a man whose business it is to find sufficient officers for the militia. (Applause.) But on personal grounds, gentlemen, I don't in the least mind. Lack of etiquette affects me little; I have been two years in Ottawa, gentlemen. (Laughter.) It is not on personal grounds, gentlemen, that I inform you of this, but it is on national grounds. (Hear, hear.) I feel, gentlemen, anxious, profoundly anxious, that the militia of Canada may be kept free from party politics." (Hear, hear, and loud applause.)

## ALL EYES ON PORT ARTHUR

### FORTRESS NOT YET TAKEN

### THE CLIMAX NOW AT HAND

Russian Brigade Heading to Relieve Besieged Met Reverse on Saturday Near Wafanglien.

London, June 8.—The sudden interruption of the cable between Korea and Japan is considered significant of the imminence of important operations at Port Arthur, the Japanese having taken precaution, as usual, to cut the only means of communication with the outside world, and thus enable her naval and military forces to work with absolute secrecy.

No attention is paid in London to rumors that the storming of the fortress has already begun, because it is known that, at the battle of Kinchuan, General Oku had exhausted his ammunition, and an insufficient period has elapsed during which the stores of ammunition could be renewed and siege guns brought into position.

It is considered likely that Admiral Togo is not averse to Port Arthur wasting his ammunition in constant encounters with his gunboats. This may explain the rumored bombardments, while the firing on the land side may be due to preliminary operations, driving in the Russian forces.

RUMORED FALL.—London, June 8.—The Exchange Telegraph Company reports rumors of the fall of Port Arthur. The Exchange reports that the Japanese lost 21,000 men. The St. James's Gazette borrows a few days, and it was rumored at this time that the initial was done. In times of peace, Lord Dundonald said, political intrigues spread their nets, and, of course, a big ruin will be the result.

RUSSIANS IGNORANT.—St. Petersburg, June 8.—Nothing is known here of the various rumors to the effect that Port Arthur has fallen, but it is not considered possible at this time.

JAPANESE BUSY.—London, June 8.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from St. Petersburg announced that a telegram has been received from Mukden, dated to-day, saying: "According to information here, a Japanese squadron of nine vessels has been bombarding the coast between Su-yencheng (Hingtocheng?) and Kaichou (Kaping), on the west coast of the Liaoting Peninsula, just below Keichowang since June 7."



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## TARIFF NOT SATISFYING

### ANNYS MANUFACTURERS

### REMEDY CAME TOO LATE

Montreal, June 8.—(Special.)—The anti-dumping clauses of the tariff are no doubt the most popular. After a careful canvass of the various trades directly interested in the new schedule it becomes at once apparent that no one, aside possibly from the oil people, is satisfied.

The members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association are up in arms, and already they have called a meeting of the executive of the Montreal branch. The woolen manufacturers state that the little increases which they have received by the reduction of British preference would have been cancelled by the tariff.

On the cotton trade all manufacturers are grievously disappointed. At the recent annual meeting of the Canadian Cotton Co., David Morrice, the president, spoke hopefully of receiving some additional protection which would appear now left them.

As to the tariff commission proposed by the government, it would be a commission of investigation, not like the Tariff ministerial commission, which is nominated by the manufacturers, who paid one member of it more than he got from the government.

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## MILITIA AND UNION MINERS

### FOUGHT A PITCHED BATTLE

### 14 CAPTIVE.

Victor, Col., June 8.—A pitched battle between the militia and union miners was fought at Dunville, the new mining camp thirteen miles out of Victor, shortly after 3 o'clock this afternoon. The troops returned to Victor at 8 o'clock to-night, bringing with them fourteen captives.

Before the special train left Victor bearing the force under Gen. Bell, it was reported that the miners in the hills, and that it was their intention to march into Victor to-night in a body and attempt to liberate by force the inmates of the temporary "bull pen" in Victor.

As they emerged from the cut in which the train had come to a stop they were greeted with a volley fired from points of vantage surrounding the hills. The deputies returned the fire and promiscuous shooting was engaged in for ten minutes. From the character of the shooting from the hills, Gen. Bell immediately recognized the fact that the strength of the miners had been greatly over-estimated, and that he had sufficient force under his command to make an immediate round-up and capture the entire opposing force.

FARMER FOUND UNCONSCIOUS.—John Stewart, a farmer from Milton, was staying at the Bromell House, at the corner of Strachan-avenue and Queen-street, on Wednesday night.

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## ONLY CERTAIN GAINER

### STANDARD OIL COMPANY

### CONSUMER ISN'T IN IT

Idea of a Bounty to Producers of Oil Is Thoroughly Distasteful, Says Petrolia.

Petrolia, June 8.—(Special.)—The crude oil men of these districts have so long been accustomed to regarding a tariff as the only means of protection for their industry, that no other plan for effecting a protective result ever seems to have entered their heads.

The fact that the new plan give them a bonus on all oil produced from this date did not at first occur to them as a thing of any importance whatever. All they could see was the line in big letters, no duty on crude oil.

Efforts to get the views of leading oil men to-day have not proved at all satisfactory. By the plan, protection now afforded so completely revolutionizes matters generally that none of them seems able to clearly get the bearings. So your correspondent has to give a summary of their collective views, as expressed in fragments.

The idea of a bounty, as compared with a duty, is thoroughly distasteful, as it carries with it the idea that the people of the country will soon cry against it that will only continue the turmoil in which the industry is constantly enveloped.

Three parties are interested—the producer, the consumer and the refiner—and the plan set forth in the budget is sized up as an effort on the part of the finance minister to benefit the consumer and injure the producer.

The price of crude to-day is fixed at 41.65 and the bounty makes the net price to the producer \$21.12.

SARNIA SATISFIED.—Sarnia, June 8.—(Special.)—The oil producers resident in Sarnia were greatly surprised at the nature of the changes made in the oil tariff. It was anticipated that there would be a change of some sort, but it had been represented to the producers that the utmost that would be done was to reduce the duty upon crude oil to two cents a gallon and allow the duty on refined to stand at the figure of five cents.

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## SIR RICHARD HEARD AGAIN

### RUFUS POPE AS HIS CRITIC

Ottawa, June 8.—(Special.)—Sir Richard Cartwright was to the fore as the defender of Mr. Fielding's budget speech to-day. He was followed by Rufus Pope.

Sir Richard Cartwright, resuming the debate on the budget in the house this afternoon, quoted a free trade address credited to Mr. Bell of Picton in 1891.

"The hon. gentleman," said Mr. Bell, "has read a garbled report of a lecture delivered by me upon the subject of speculative free trade, the opening paragraph of which announced that no reference whatever was intended to practical free trade as a policy for Canada. It was a lecture, not a speech, and was given from a strictly academic standpoint. I may say that I never made a free trade speech in my life. I took part during the campaign of 1875 in favor of protection, and have supported that view on every hustings from that day to this." (Opposition cheers.)

As to the tariff commission proposed by the government, it would be a commission of investigation, not like the Tariff ministerial commission, which is nominated by the manufacturers, who paid one member of it more than he got from the government.

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## CANADIANS IN LONDON

### HOLD A ROUSING BANQUET

London, June 8.—The Canada Club held a rousing banquet last night, Sir Gilbert Parker presiding. Duff Miller, in proposing "The Imperial Forces," regretted the departure from Canada of the British regiments who preserved the English characteristics of the country.

Capt. Blake, R.N., said that Canada would be a very great maritime nation. He hoped the great statesmen directing her destinies would formulate a plan by which more of her intrepid seamen would come forward and fight for the benefit of the empire.

The Bishop of Calgary, speaking of the British leadership in the unity of the empire, said that Canada would accomplish more if she grasped the importance of compromise. As long as the empire possessed men like Earl Minto, who were wise and prudent, never disturbing the existing machinery for the benefit of Downing-street, there was no need of fear for the empire.

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