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MR. SIFTON, MAGNATE.

The public of Canada need not be surprised if they hear any day that Hon. Clifford Sifton, who is now on his way to Canada, has developed into a financial magnate in London. For some weeks past he has been in London, and as the cable announced to us a day or two ago, he has been busy on a fast imperial service proposition between Asia and England, via the Pacific Ocean, across the Canadian Continent, and thence from the nearest available Canadian port to a British port. Such a project on the lines mentioned in the cable despatches is a very ambitious one, which will require a great deal of money and a fine faculty for organization.

Mr. Sifton can qualify in both capacities. He is to-day a very wealthy man, just how wealthy few people would care to guess. He has proved his organization powers in connection with the administration of the Canadian West. Apparently, for the present, at least, he has dropped any idea of active political life, and is content to go into the larger field of finance, handling great political or semi-political transportation propositions and things of a similar character. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is, we imagine, in very close touch with Mr. Sifton.

Whether Mr. Sifton and his methods ought to be made use of as examples to be followed by boys that Sunday school teachers train is not for us to say at this stage.

## THE CONFERENCE AND FISCAL REFORM.

Regarded dispassionately, the course taken by Sir Wilfrid Laurier during the session of the imperial conference, in the matter of preferential trade within the empire, does not appear to be rightly open to animadversion. His attitude, while natural to a statesman of his opportunist temper, was no doubt to some extent influenced by the conditions, and by the sympathy of the representative of the democratic community cannot but feel towards a British reform government. But whether or not these considerations had weight with him, the role he assumed was unquestionably prudent, and this will become clearer in future stages of the imperial movement towards closer union. The atmosphere of the conference was charged with elements provocative of disturbance, and it is to the credit of the Canadian premier that as the direct consequence of his mediation, the opinion of the new British government of that policy was placed plainly on record without unnecessarily antagonizing the free trade government of the United Kingdom.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is attacked in some quarters, both in Britain and Canada, on the ground that in effect he supported the British government in its hostility to a system of imperial preferential trade. The reasons offered in support of the charge are not convincing, except on the supposition that it was the duty of the conference, or of the majority of the states represented, to pass direct recommendations that a preferential policy should be adopted. This under existing circumstances would have been foolish and futile, and could not but have resulted in infinite harm to the cause supposedly at heart. The determination of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and his cabinet to

maintain the existing economic situation in the United Kingdom had been openly flaunted in the face of the outer Britains prior to the meeting of the conference, and the official speech of the chancellor of the exchequer, with its absolute "non-possimus," merely reiterated that for which the conference was already prepared. To have done more than was actually done would have prompted the charge of interference in the local politics of the United Kingdom; to have done less would have led the British people to believe that the other self-governing states were indifferent to the establishment of preferential relations. By advising the simple but express reaffirmation of the resolutions passed by the conference of 1902, Sir Wilfrid Laurier avoided both pitfalls.

The proposition that the imperial conference must be absolutely free to discuss each and every question bearing on the future of the empire, and on the management of the joint interests of the British states is absolutely sound. So also is the proposition that the adoption of any of its recommendations must be left to the free determination of each of the governments and peoples concerned. Admittedly the United Kingdom cannot grant any material preference so long as its free import policy is maintained on its present basis. Whether and how its fiscal system is to be altered is a question for the British electorate exclusively. In considering what answer should be returned the electors are entitled to have before them all the data, including not only the facts and arguments directly affecting themselves, but also the circumstance that the other members of the imperial partnership favor the principle of preferential trade. The fiscal reformers will no doubt make the most of a declaration that has finally converted Mr. Balfour, but with this the other Britains are not concerned, otherwise than as interested spectators. Certainly a marked change has come over the spirit of the free traders' dream. They have lost their first superabundant confidence, and apprehension clouds their outlook. But they cannot say that the imperial conference has overstepped its powers or limited the free determination of the British people.

## REV. J.C. SPEER FOR PRESIDENT

Will Probably Succeed Dr. Burns as Head of Conference.

If precedent is adhered to, Rev. J. C. Speer, D.D., pastor of Grace church, Brampton, will be elected president of the Toronto Methodist conference at the June session. The name of Rev. Dr. Cleaver, however, has also been prominently mentioned. Dr. Speer received the next largest vote to Dr. R. N. Burns of Brampton, and in the usual order of events will be the next choice.

The conference proper will open in Elm-street Methodist church Thursday morning, June 13th. It will be preceded on Wednesday by the usual ministerial session. Rev. James Allen, general secretary of Methodist Home Missions and Rev. C. Crockett, editor of the Christian Guardian, are in Alberta attending the conference there. Both of these gentlemen were at the sessions of the British Columbia conference. The London conference opens May 20.

## ARRESTED OR KIDNAPPED?

Switchmen's Union Pass Resolution re the Idaho Case.

DETROIT, Mich., May 22.—At the biennial convention of the Switchmen's Union of North America here a resolution was adopted to-day protesting against the "kidnapping" of Moye, Haywood and Pettibone, and requesting President Roosevelt to use all legitimate means in his power to secure reversal of the recent decision "legalizing the kidnapping."

Haywood Trial Delayed.  
BOISE, Idaho, May 22.—The Haywood trial is a standing weekly, while Sheriff Hodgins is summoning a venire of 60 men.

## TWO HUNDRED LIVES LOST

By Tidal Wave in the Caroline Islands.

NEW YORK, May 22.—A despatch from Sydney, N.S.W., says—It is reported that a hurricane and tidal wave swept over the Caroline Islands April 20.

Two hundred persons are said to have been killed and immense damage done to property.

## KILLED BY BEAR.

DAUPHIN, Man., May 22.—On Sunday, while John May, the cook of camp No. 4 of the Red Deer Lumber Company at Edmonton, was taking a stroll, he came across a black bear, which pursued him.

He was struck down and instantly killed, his vitals being torn out and the body partly eaten.

## Lighthouse Destroyed.

BORDEAUX, France, May 22.—The lighthouse on Pointe de la Coubre, at the entrance of the Garonne, which was 100 feet high, and had a light which was among the most powerful in France, was so undermined by the sea that it fell yesterday. No one was injured.

Six Were Killed.  
CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., May 22.—A special train from Dayton, Tenn., says that while returning from the mines of the Dayton Coal and Iron Company, six loaded freight cars plunged into the train carrying the miners.

For Dinner—use WINDSOR TABLE SALT. Its fine purity adds a new delicious savour to vegetables, meats and salads. Never bitter.



Everything is in complete readiness here for a record breaker in Holiday business to-day and Saturday.

American Tourists will be surprised at the money we can save them on an English hat bought here.

We are rounding into the Summer now—and if you stand on tip-toe you can see the warm weather ahead. A little forethought to-day, when stocks are at their heaviest and assortments the best, will save you both time and money later on. We direct special attention to our showing of

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Men's Golf and Outing Hats  
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## OBITUARY.

Mrs. Charles Dawson.

Ann, the wife of Charles Dawson of Brampton, died on Tuesday at her residence, after a prolonged illness, at the age of 78 years. Deceased, with her husband, has resided in Brampton for upwards of half a century. Mr. Dawson and his late wife came from Oxley, Yorkshire, England. Deceased was highly esteemed and during her long residence in Brampton had made a wide circle of friends. Mr. Dawson survives, and a family of five sons and two daughters were left by deceased. The sons are H. W. Dawson, and Chas. F. Dawson of the Dawson Fruit Commission Co., Toronto; Frederick and Joseph of Brampton, and William of Niagara. The daughters are Elizabeth at home, and Mrs. Boyle of London, Ont.

George Glass.

Geo. Glass, inspector of pavements for the city, died suddenly of heart disease, on Tuesday night. He was born in Port Hope 56 years ago. A widow, three sons and three daughters survive.

A. Noel.

EDMONTON, May 22.—Auguste Noel, senior member of the legal firm of Noel, Noel and Cormack, died at the General Hospital, where he had been taken a few days ago, seriously ill with appendicitis. Deceased was born at Plingwich, Archaes, Quebec, 36 years ago.

George H. Finch.

LONDON, May 22.—George Henry Finch, known as the "father of the house of commons," having represented Rutland in the house for 40 years, died at his residence, Burley-on-the-Hill, Oakham, Rutland, this morning. He was born in 1835, and in politics was a Conservative, in favor of the removal of all burdens on agriculture.

Rev. John Kaye.

Rev. John Kaye, for 45 years a pastor in the Methodist Church in numerous Ontario cities and towns, is dead, at Plattsville, from Bright's disease. He was 69 years old. The funeral takes place at Dundas.

George Calcott.

THOROLD, May 22.—George Calcott, a respected resident, died to-day, in his 81st year.

## Holiday Excursions.

The Niagara Navigation Company will, as usual, grant special rates over the holiday to Niagara, Lewiston, Queenston, Falls and Buffalo. Special-rate tickets will be good going 23rd or 24th, to return up to 27th. Book tickets are also on sale. All information can be had at Webster's Office, northeast corner King and Yonge streets.

Hudson River Route to New York. All through trains by the New York Central run to Grand Central Station.

## AT OSGOOD HALL

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR TO-DAY.

Chambers.  
Cartwright, master, at 11 a.m.  
Single Court.

The Hon. Chief Justice Meredith at 11 a.m.:  
1. Re Coxwell and Hensell.  
2. Frierer v. Borman.  
3. Re McMahon and Law Society.  
4. Irving v. Grimshy Park.  
5. Ludham v. Wilson.  
6. Music Trades v. Fullerton.  
7. Re Newburgh Estate.  
8. Re Duncan and Midland.  
Toronto Non-Jury Sittings.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Teetzel at 10:30 a.m.:  
1. Segsworth v. De Cow (continued).  
2. Carriere v. Hyslop.  
Divisional Court.

Peremptory list for 11 a.m.:  
1. Price v. Mueller.  
2. Foster v. Toronto Electric.  
3. Moffatt v. Carmichael.  
4. R. C. B. P. Corp. v. O'Connor.  
5. Port Hope v. Cavanagh.  
Court of Appeal.

Peremptory list for 11 a.m.:  
1. Copeland v. Business Systems.  
2. Brenner v. Toronto Railway (continued).  
3. Wilson v. Davies.

Brunswick Avenue Property.  
Elliott Homer Dixon has begun an action against Joseph Dodge claiming specific performance of an agreement to purchase certain lands on the west side of Brunswick-avenue, St. Alban's Park.

Suing the Bank.  
The Glencoe Woollens Limited have issued a writ against the Merchants' Bank of Canada to have declared void certain securities claimed to be held by the bank under the Bank Act.

Defendants in British Columbia.  
John Gibbons and Alexander Gibbons of Vaughan Township have taken action against Charles M. Smith and Charlotte Amelia Smith of Summerland, B.C., claiming specific performance of an agreement to sell the east half of lot 19, in the 5th concession, Township of York.

Cheque Was Protested.  
One hundred shares of Conlagas Mining, value at \$128.00 is the subject of an action brought by C. H. Routledge against R. C. Bird & Co. and J. C. King of St. Catharines. Routledge alleges that he purchased the stock at the request of the company and upon transferring it received a cheque, which upon presentation at the bank was protested.

Street Railway Accident.  
Annie E. Lee is suing the Toronto Railway Co. for \$300 damages for injuries which she alleges she sustained thru the negligence of the company's employees.

Misrepresentation and Fraud.  
John Hockombe & Co. have begun an action against J. H. Jewell & Co. of Toronto claiming \$500 damages for misrepresentation and fraud contained in a certain advertisement respecting the Erie Cobalt Silver Mining Company, Limited.

Want Room to Drive.  
S. F. McKinnon, John Ogilvy and T. Kelly have been made defendants in an action brought by the Lincoln Paper Mills Co. to restrain them from excavating for a cellar and from building a wall on the east side of the premises at 108 West Wellington-street, occupied by the company as lessees of McKinnon. The effect of the excavation is to deprive the plaintiffs of sufficient space for a driveway.

Killed on the Railway.  
Enrico De Magistri was killed on the C. P. R. Louis De Magistri has now issued a writ claiming \$500 damages for Enrico's death, which it is alleged was caused by the negligence of the company's servants.

Selling the Property.  
The Canada Congregation Missionary Society made an application under the Vendor and Purchaser's Act to Chief Justice Meredith to have it declared that they have the right to convey certain property on Mulock-avenue, Toronto Junction, and to give a good title.

Two Wives.  
One George H. Whiting in 1873 took out a secondary certificate in the O. U. W., payable upon his death to his wife. Whiting was accidentally killed in New York State in January last. In the meantime Whiting had obtained a divorce from his first wife and married again. Both the first wife, who is now married again, and the second wife are claiming the insurance money. The society is asking for an order to determine who is entitled to the money. Master in Chambers Cartwright directed the money to be paid into court and granted the interpreter order.

Wants to Examine the Motorman.  
Frederick Tinsley, after attending a watch night service last New Year's Eve, crossed College-street at the head of University-street with the intention of taking a car and was run down by a College-street car going west and seriously injured. In addition to a fractured skull Tinsley received other serious injuries, which confined him for weeks to the hospital. It is alleged that the motorman was not in a fit condition to be running the car and an application was made to Master in Chambers Cartwright for leave to examine him for discovery in the action brought against the company for \$5000 damages. The conductor was examined but he refused to express any opinion as to the motorman's condition, but admitted that he complained of it to the car starter at the barn. The master reserved judgment.

Sale Stoppered.  
At Osgood Hall yesterday an injunction was granted by Chief Justice Meredith, restraining the Merchants' Bank from carrying on the sale of the stock-in-trade of the Glencoe Woollens, Limited, advertised to take place to-day.

An Investigating Company.  
ALBANY, N. Y., May 22.—The Knickerbocker Syndicate of New York, which will investigate, examine, test and make engineering and other expert reports upon industrial and commercial undertakings, was incorporated here to-day with a capital of \$100,000, and directors, J. Wald Sampson, Spencer Welton and Charles Austin Bates, all of New York.

Salary Increases at Customs.  
Practically every official of the Toronto customs has received an increase in salary within the past few days. The increases range from \$100 to \$200, and are also on clerks and officers, the extra expenditure will be quite a large one, totalling about \$10,000.

The only parties not included in the list are the veteran officials who already receive the maximum salary.

## Last Chance, Men, for Holiday Clothes

If you're going to look the prosperous part on the holiday you're almost sure to need something in new wearables.

? A new Spring Suit, perhaps. Or a new shirt, new collars or cuffs or underwear, a new tie or hat, new boots. ?

And to-day being Bargain Day there are money saving inducements that you can't afford to miss. If you haven't the bargain list handy—as published yesterday—come and read the good news on the price tickets.

**REMEMBER This store closes to-night at 5 p.m. as usual and remains closed until 8 a.m. Monday 27th.**

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## PRINCE FUSHIMI COMING WILL REACH HERE JUNE 12

Japanese General Will be Received With Civic Ceremonials—In Toronto 24 Hours.

His Imperial Highness, General Prince Fushimi, G.C.B., Japan, who will be the guest of the Dominion Government during his stay in Canada, will arrive in Toronto on Wednesday, June 12, and will leave Toronto early the next morning for North Bay and the west.

The above was the burden of a communication from Joseph Pope, C.M.G., Under Secretary of State, Ottawa, received by the mayor and laid before the civic legislation and reception committee yesterday.

On behalf of the mayor, secretary, Wilson conveyed the government's request that the Prince should be received in Toronto with full ceremonial, that the government had not yet decided whether the Canadian (ites should present addresses to the Prince. The distinguished guest is to be given a garden party at government house on the afternoon of his visit, and a dinner in the evening.

It was agreed that the city council should be asked at Monday's meeting to give authority to the committee, jointly with the board of control, to arrange for the reception.

Ald. Benough isn't satisfied with the quietus given his Yonge-street bridge motion and the city solicitor will be asked to explain the present status.

The board of control will be asked to appropriate \$600 specially to meet the cost of a civic reception to the delegates to the American Chemical Society convention June 27.

**CANADIAN IS MODERATOR.**  
PITTSBURGH, May 22.—When the general synod of the Reformed Presbyterian church convened in Allegheny to-day, Rev. Thomas McFall of Nova Scotia was elected moderator.

**Tried to Murder Wife.**  
OTTAWA, May 22.—A man named Naubert attempted to murder his wife with an ax at Cascade, Que., last night. The woman is badly hurt, but neighbors prevented the man from murdering her.

**\$100,000 Fire.**  
SCRANTON, Pa., May 22.—No. 2 breaker of the Jermyn Coal Company at Old Forge, near here, was destroyed by fire to-day. The loss is \$100,000.

**Steamer Niagara.**  
Steamer Niagara of the Turbin Steamship Company, chartered to relieve extra freight and passengers of the Turbin, arrived in Toronto last morning at 3 o'clock. She looked splendid in her coat of white paint, and Capt. Sullivan was congratulated by the inspectors at the inspection in action yesterday morning, for having the best fitted-up boat plying on the north shore of Lake Ontario.

On his regular run between Hamilton and Toronto, and will leave here at 4 p.m. to-day, with Victoria Day excursionists. On Victoria Day she will make two round trips between this city and Hamilton, leaving here at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., and has accommodation for 450 passengers. As she is carrying passengers at an extremely low rate of 40 cents for the round trip, good return until the 27th, she should be filled up on every trip.

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