

TARIFF TALK IN ENGLAND

Mr. Chamberlain's Scheme of
Reform Made Public This
Morning

PREFERENCE FOR COLONIAL PRODUCTS

Head of Cotton Federation Offers
Plea For Continued
Free Trade

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Birmingham Daily Post from tomorrow publishes an article from inspired sources estimating the tariff reform plan which is likely to be proposed by the Unionist government if the Unionists are successful at the elections, prefacing it with the remark that the country's financial necessities are much greater than they were in 1905, when Joseph Chamberlain started the movement. The article proceeds:

"It is proposed to establish a general tariff, placing duties on practically all goods that are not deemed raw materials, with the object, first, of raising revenue, secondly, of assisting the home producer against foreign competition, third, of giving preference to colonies, fourth, of securing better terms from foreign countries, and fifth, of giving employment by encouraging home production."

"The tariff will be of the simplest possible form, not protective in the sense that is understood in Germany and the United States. There is no intention of having multifarious rates, which would throw open the doors to parliamentary intrigue. The plan is favored to allow new materials to come in duty free and to impose a five per cent duty on partly manufactured goods, ten per cent on articles nearly completed and fifteen per cent on goods completely manufactured. There may possibly be a slightly lower duty in favor of the colonies and a slightly higher tariff against countries seeking unduly to penalize British goods."

"Foreign wheat will be liable to a duty of two shillings per quarter, with preference to the colonies, but not the removal of the whole duty. Four or five per cent will be levied on sugar, and a higher rate in order to encourage home grinding, while bacon and maize will also be excluded from the free list. Important raw materials, such as cotton and wool, will enter free. A tariff framed thus will produce a revenue of from sixteen to 20 million pounds. If the Unionists are returned, the plan will be put into effect at once. It will be the duty of the government to employ the new duties in order to give time to negotiate commercial agreements with foreign countries. Right Hon. George Wyndham, member of the House of Commons for Dover, speaking yesterday in London, also intimated the intention of the Unionists to propose a ten per cent duty on manufactured articles and two shillings on wheat."

Charles Wright Macara, head of the cotton federation of Great Britain, in an interview on the political crisis, revealed himself as a strong advocate of free trade. "In fifteen years, Lancashire," he said, "has doubled in population, has doubled its cotton-spinning and manufacturing machinery and built up an export trade three times bigger than its home trade. This growth has been maintained by the cheapness of production. Tax food and mill requisites and our pre-eminence in the world would be endangered. Protected America, where two-thirds of the world's cotton crop grows, exports ten per cent of its manufactured goods, against England's 75 per cent. Hitherto, our nations have discounted to some extent the advantages of the American market by their working hours reduced to nearly the same level as England. For the cotton industry suffers, and every other industry suffers. The teeming population of Lancashire are among the biggest consumers of agricultural products."

Through Trains Saturday
By next Saturday the E. & N. railway service from Victoria to Nanaimo should be in operation as per schedule. H. E. Beasley, superintendent of the road, yesterday advised the station that the work of repair on the bridge just this side of Ladysmith was progressing so satisfactorily that he was confident that through freight and passenger trains would be despatched by the end of the week.

Eight hundred tons of supplies have reached Alberni for use by Grant & Fraser, who have a sub-contract for the last eleven miles of the Alberni extension of the E. & N. Fifty men will be employed under the personal supervision of Mr. Fraser on the last four miles of the contract, the remaining seven miles being sub-let.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

BORN.

MONG KOW, at No. 640 FISGUARD ST. in this city, on the 5th inst., the wife of Cheong Kow, a son Hongkong papers please copy.

MARRIED.

PHILIPS-SHRANFEL—W. H. G. Philips, third son of the late Major Philips, to Miss Marie Shrapnel, fifth daughter of E. S. Shrapnel, A. R. C. A., and daughter of the late General Shrapnel, R.

COWLEY-BAGSHAW—At St. Mark's, Victoria, on Dec. 7, by Rev. Dean Cowley, of Winnipeg, father of the bridegroom, to Frances Sybil Bagshaw, eldest daughter of Mr. E. S. Bagshaw, of Victoria, a Swallowtail, Richardson.

DIED.

VIGELIUS—At the residence of her son-in-law, 15, Myrtle, 35, Olympian avenue, Dora Vigelius, a native of Germany, aged 64 years.

HOWELL—At the residence of the late Hon. Chief Justice of Manitoba, on the 6th inst., Harriette Howell, wife of the late Hon. Chief Justice of Manitoba, youngest daughter of the late Edmund Lally, Esq., of Barrie, Ont.

REGIMENT MADE A CLEAN SWEEP

Won Nearly All Competitions
Under Auspices of Canadian
Artillery Association

Not only did the Fifth Regiment, C.G.A., win the Governor-General's shield for general efficiency, with second and third places in the competition, also, but the local gunners also made a clean sweep of all the competitions under the auspices of the Dominion Artillery Association during the year.

In the 5-manly competition the fifth regiment took first, second and third places. No. 1 won first place in this competition, with 49 marks, while No. 2 came a close second with 48, and No. 3 was third with 45 points. No. 3 company took first place in the officers' observations, while the fifth regiment took first place in the 3-manly competition, with No. 1 company taking first place in second place, No. 2 company of Halifax third, and the other company of the fifth regiment in fourth place. In the gun drill No. 3 company of the fifth regiment took first place, with No. 1 company of Halifax second, and No. 2 company of the fifth regiment in third place. Lieut. Col. A. W. Currie, officer commanding the fifth regiment, C.G.A., stated yesterday that while he was much gratified with the news of the unique record made by the fifth regiment, which for the first time in the history of the artillery regiments of the Dominion had taken first, second and third places in the main competition, as well as winning the bulk of the other competitions, practically all of them, the credit was due to the high state of efficiency, he on his part would endeavor to see that the proud record was duplicated.

HENRI ST. YVES WANTS JOHN MARSH'S SCALP

SEATTLE, Dec. 8.—Henri St. Yves, champion Marathon runner of the world, yesterday issued a challenge to John D. Marsh, another well known Marathon runner, for a 15-mile race. St. Yves has anywhere from \$500 to \$1000 on the line, and the speedy Canadian over a 15-mile race at Vancouver and the Frenchman broke down between the third and fourth miles, straining both ankles. He is still wearing bandages on his ankles, but says that he wants another chance at Marsh before leaving for the east. "I am willing to face Marsh at any time, and the only condition is that if we run on a track twelve laps in the mile or under, the race will be in the track must be banked. This is to take away the strain from the ankles, which becomes a flat floor," said St. Yves last night. "I shall leave for the east the latter part of this month, according to the present plans and I want a return match with Marsh before I go."

Marsh arrived in Seattle from Vancouver yesterday and the men will probably meet today to talk over a possible race. At present they are

discussed at the meeting of the Board of Trade today will be the question of insurance, the matter of a trans-provincial highway, and the necessary for other improvements to the inner harbor. The meeting will convene at 3 p.m.

Fishing operations are about to commence by the Pacific Coast Fishery Board at their station at Pacific, says the Prince Rupert Optimist. The cold storage plant will be ready for operation until December next, but the oiled and guano works are ready, and will commence as soon as the steam trawler Kingsway takes her first consignment of fish to the station. The halibut taken by the Kingsway will be sent to Vancouver, where the fish will be frozen and then shipped to the coast by regular southbound coast liners, or by the Kingsway, pending such time as the company secures carriers of its own. The Kingsway arrived at Pacific last week, and a period of about 15 days will be spent by the trawler in looking over conditions about the fishing grounds before much actual fishing is done. It is expected that one or more steam trawlers will be brought out by the company from the United Kingdom during the coming winter, and one of these vessels may be used as a carrier of fresh and cold storage fish between Pacific and Vancouver. Kingsway, with the exception of the halibut, will be turned into oil and fertilizer by the company.

IMMIGRATION INSPECTOR

H. L. Good Appointed to Office at Port of Nanaimo to Check Irregularities.

NANAIMO, Dec. 8.—H. L. Good, of this city, has received the official notice of his appointment as immigration inspector for this port. Owing to the fact that the Immigration act has been amended several times, special instructions accompany the letter of appointment and from these it is clear Mr. Good is to have extensive powers in regard to immigrants.

It has been demonstrated here recently that in several cases sailors have been discharged from ships without right to do so as the act plainly states that the permission of the immigration inspector must first be obtained. Quite recently several seamen have been sent back to their ports of origin, and their ships after having their way to Vancouver and other cities, and there becoming a public charge. This will now be overcome, as there will be a man on the spot to see the regulations are carried out.

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REVISITING THE COAST

James Breen, of Smelter Establishment, Famous For B. C.

A party of prominent people from Spokane is in Vancouver. Its members include Mr. James Breen, a millionaire mining operator and smelter man, Mr. A. H. Buchanan, manager of the Spokane agency of the Bank of Montreal, and Messrs. W. and J. Norman, owners of the Hotel Spokane. Mr. Breen in conjunction with Mr. A. Augustus Heinz built the Trail smelter and later he also constructed a smelter at Northport, Wash., later acquired by the Le Roi Mining Company.

Mr. Breen now controls three large gold-producing mines in Montana, two of which are free-milling and the other a cyaniding proposition. He also owns large mining interests in Utah, Nevada and British Columbia, and is interested in the McKinley group, a promising copper-gold proposition on the north fork of Kettle river, 40 miles north of Grand Forks. He built the Crofton smelter at Crofton, but sold out five years ago. Mr. Breen still takes a deep interest in the British Columbia mining industry. He stated that he had learned with pleasure of the discovery of high-grade ore bodies on the Queen Charlotte Islands, Portland canal and in the Hazelton district.

A few years hence, when better transportation facilities shall have been provided, British Columbia will be one of the greatest mining countries in the world," said he to the Province.

ZINC INDUSTRY FOR PROVINCE

Board of Trade Asked to Take
An Interest in the Movement

The Board of Trade has been asked to interest itself in a movement which has been projected for the establishment of a zinc industry in British Columbia. The matter will come up for consideration at the monthly meeting today and a resolution dealing therewith will be passed.

The question of a zinc industry was discussed at the meeting of the Board of Trade, and that organization has convened a meeting to be held on the 15th inst., at which mine owners and others interested in the production and marketing of zinc ore will be present. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the ways and means of improving the marketing and disposing of the products. This movement is the outcome of the presence of zinc in the ores of the Kootenay district. It is believed that this is evident in the fact that the Board of Trade has been asked to take an interest in the movement.

The questions which will come before the convention will be: 1. The establishment of a zinc smelter. 2. The establishment of home markets for zinc products. 3. Asking the government's assistance in experiments. 4. The bounty on zinc smelters. 5. At that present in force for lead. 6. Asking for an increase in the duty on zinc ore products such as spelter, oxides, etc., which now come into the country, principally from the United States, either free of duty or at a low tariff.

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FISHING OPERATIONS BEGUN OFF PACIFIC

Steamer to Be Brought From England
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WHY WOMEN SHOULD NOT VOTE

Ralph S. Bond Delivers Interesting Address Before Women's Canadian Club

Admirable reasons why women should not be given the political vote in the old country were embodied in an address delivered by Ralph S. Bond before the Women's Canadian Club, in the drawing-room of the Briard hotel, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Bond is a prominent member of the Royal Colonial Institute of England and his travels through Canada in the interests of that organization.

His address dealt with what led to the formation of the Anti-Suffrage League, the arguments being put forward by suffragettes as to why they should get the ballot, and how the objects of universal, social and physical reasons the placing of political power into the hands of women would mean the granting of universal suffrage. In the peroration of his speech, in which he dealt with Germany's designs on the empire, he said that the suffrage movement would be swept aside and that such a movement had been obliterated some forty years ago by the Franco-Prussian war.

There was a good turnout of members of the Women's Canadian Club, Mrs. H. G. Barnard presided, and in introducing the speaker.

"I have much pleasure in introducing Mr. Ralph Bond, of London, England, who has kindly consented to visit us to discuss the movement in England which has only been in existence for about eighteen months, and of which we have heard very little in Canada. The Women's Canadian Club is open to all speakers who are prepared to deal with subjects which are of direct or indirect interest to imperial problems. And the question of the extension of the franchise to women in the heart of the empire, is one of the most important to all the colonies which are in any measure dependent upon the mother land for defence. While we need not discuss the movements which are in progress, we feel that in trying to understand these matters we are in the position of a man who is asked to discuss the question of a revolution, which are, as you know, directed towards the encouragement of unity within our Dominion, and the consolidation of the empire."

He then introduced Mr. Bond. The guest of the occasion said that when he had been asked to address the meeting he could not understand how such a subject could interest people in this part of the empire. When the suffrage movement had been started in the old country and he had been approached with a view to joining the movement, he thought that such a movement should be confined to women. Upon considering the matter, however, he had come to the conclusion that it was possible to enforce the law against all comers of peace and war. Supporting the cause of a majority of the men, he expressed his belief that a majority of the women would be in favor of the law. He then introduced Mr. Bond.

Continuing, he expressed the hope that the women of the empire would be represented in an Imperial Council which would control the empire. It was only by mutual knowledge and mutual help that a common citizenship, which was the royal duty of all subjects, could be maintained. Mutual interests, reciprocity in trade, and a common defence on land and sea were the component characteristics of empire.

Antics of the Suffragettes.
Reverting to the theme of granting the vote to women he said that the people here had heard recently of the antics of the suffragettes in the old land. The anti-suffrage league adopted no such method as the suffragettes. The woman suffrage was now well in the forefront and must in a short time come within the sphere of practical politics. The suffragettes of England had employed methods which meant harassing the government. Such methods were not to be followed in Canada. In England there was no such thing as a political offence. The suffragettes of England had been the cause of the common law of the country. Eighteen months ago the prime minister had received a delegation of suffragettes and told them that when the women of England expressed themselves in favor of the movement, it was time to move. The matter to come up in parliament. Consequently on this pronouncement an anti-suffrage league had been formed. The women's anti-suffrage league included such well known names as Mrs. Humphrey Ward, the Countess of Jersey and the Countess of Winchester. The men's league contained men who held widely divergent political opinions, such as Lord Salisbury, Lord Balfour, Lord Milner and Lord Cromer. These leagues have been firmly established, having auxiliary societies all over England. It is an interesting fact that every new outrage committed by the suffragettes adds to the membership of the anti-suffrage leagues.

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TO CONFISCATE BIRD- HUNTING SCOUNDRELS

United States Revenue Cutter to Be Sent to Patrol Isles Where Jaegers Hunt Birds

The United States Revenue Cutter Thetis after patrolling British seas and Japan sounds has been sent to cruise among the Pacific islands near Hawaii to put a stop to the work of the bird-hunters who are killing birds for their plumage on the uninhabited islands. The birds are killed in large numbers and their feathers sent to Japan where they are prepared for shipment to Paris and London millinery markets. A similar trade in sealings patrol in northern waters will

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