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SAINT JOHN, FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 27, 1909.

ence. A distinguished free trade journalist also came. Both addressed meetings in Canada supporting their own view. Both returned to England and reported on Canadian public opinion. One found Canadians much in terested in, and strongly in favor of, the Chamberlain programme. The other declared that he found scarcely a man of any position or influence in the Dominion who expected or desired Britain to modify her traditional policy. Both were doubtless candid, and believed that they were giving a correct view of Canadian opinion.

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Toronto, Aug. 26.—Yesterday was not only the hottest day of the seamon here, but also the hottest Toronto has known since 1840. The Observatory theremometer at 2 p. m. registered 96 degrees. The hottest previous day this season was August throwing bricks through the windows into the Assembly Hall. In the first place the ability to break windows 8, when the termometer went to 93.3. Flavors and fancies call at the same conclusion had he made the report out of his inner consciousness before he left home.

CANADIAN DEFENCE PROGRAMME.

Little by little information is given out about the plan of Imperial defence. We are now informed that the beginning of the Canadian fleet will be two cruisers to be lent by Great Britain to Canada, after they have been repaired in England at Canada's expense. These ships will be commanded by Imperial officers, likewise loaned to Canada and paid by the Dominion. It is not yet stated whether the ships will be manned by Canadians.

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ed as an attempt to meet some part of our obligations and responsibilities. The Marine Department of Canada has had a wholesome overhauling. As it has been constituted, and for that matter as it now exists, it is not fit to undertake a shipbuilding enterprise, or to manage a couple of warships. Never was a more disgraceful condition of things exposed to the gaze of a shocked community than that of the Marine Department as revealed in two recent successive investigations. Dishonesty, neglect, incompetence were disclosed everywhere. This state of things had been partly concealed for years by the simple process of voting down all attempts to obtain an investigation. The Minister of Marine is probably of the opinion that there are other departments as bad as his, which have been able to fight off the investigator and keep their dark secrets, but he must be investigator and keep their dark secrets, but he must be utterly unable to find any other defence than this.

The Toronto organ of the Government is impressed with the fact that the new programme makes the Marine Department about the greatest spending department in the ministry. To the Globe the marine record sugit declares for some system of management which will give the people complete confidence in the honesty of all Canadian expenditures in connection with Imperial defence. This is good doctrine if only the Globe will epart from its own record sufficiently to stick to it.

TOO MUCH DUTY.

Something more than forty years ago, or immediately after the abrogation of the reciprocity treaty, the United States began to collect duty on hay imported from British America. Hay was not specified in the tariff, but was properly dutiable at ten per cent. as a natural product of the farm. The customs authorities, however, thought it would do to class hay as a manufactured article at 20 per cent. For sixteen years down to 1882 this rate was exacted. Finally one of the importers or shippers forced the issue and got a ruling that hay was not SIR ROBERT PERKS AND POINT OF VIEW.

Hardly any man returns from a journey and gives an impartial account of what people he met have to say on subjects concerning which he has strong opinions of his own. Lord Milner came to Canada last year, and sounded Canadian opinion on the mutual tariff preference. A distinguished free trade journalist also came. Both addressed meetings in Canada supporting their own.

But the purpose here is to show how Sir Robert Perks has read his own view into Methodist opinion in Canada. He has been reporting the result of his inquiries and says that he has "taken very great pains "to ascertain the opinion of Canadian Methodism on this "most serious proposal." He has "talked with every restrous proposal." He has "talked with every prominent minister and layman, both Methodist and "Presbyterian," whom he could get to talk, in Montreal, Quebec, Ottawa, Toronto, St. John, Halifax and elsewhere. Among scores of Methodist laymen with whom he discussed the subject, he "met less than half a dozen "who spoke strongly or hopefully of the prospects or "ultimate effects of union." So far as he could learn the movement was in no sense a laymen's movement, but was urged "by the more official section of the min-"isters." Sir Robert reports the "old timers among the "Methodist ministers" as convinced that union will efface the distinctive features of each church.

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PITHY PARAGRAPHS OF LOCAL INTEREST

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of history in the Lutheran Seminary, at Addison, Illinois.

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Lindsay, Ont., Aug. 26.—C. G. Henley, clerk in Lindsay postoffice, was
arrested yesterday at the instance of
Postoffice Inspector Henderson, who
charges him with stealing the contents of packets mailed at and passing through the Lindsay postoffice.
A number of cases of missing articles
were reported lately and investigation
by Mr. Henderson resulted in bringing the charge home to Henley. Some
of the stolen articles were recovered
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