

## CHARGES AGAINST NAVY.

An Official Statement Upsets Daily Graphic's Stories, Though That Paper Doesn't Admit It.

London, April 29.—The Admiralty yesterday issued an official statement regarding the charge made by the Daily Graphic that fifteen British battleships were unfit for action owing to the discovery that a number of the 12-inch guns were incapable of firing safely full charges.

The Admiralty says that one 12-inch "Mark 8" gun on board the Majesty class, cracked at the muzzle, and that a second run showed a crack in the gunner tube, but they had fired the equivalent of sixty-six and seventy-five full charges respectively. These guns had been examined and repaired and will shortly be released.

The statement continues: "One 12-inch gun was fired with 162 full charges before being relined. The guns on board the battleships Mars, Caesar and Jupiter have fired the equivalent of over sixty full charges and are still perfectly serviceable."

The Daily Graphic contends that the Admiralty's statement regarding the impairment of the armament of British warships is mainly remarkable for its omissions, but is an admission of the general accuracy of the Daily Graphic's allegations as showing that guns whose life should be 150 to 200 rounds, broke down at sixty-six and seventy-five rounds, and that the 12-inch wire issued to fifteen of the best battleships is absolutely untrustworthy.

The Daily Graphic says: "The official statement, therefore, should be welcomed as a prelude to re-armament not only of the Atlantic fleet, but of all vessels equipped with this weapon."

## THE DOMINION HOUSE.

Bill to Nationalize Records of Thoroughbred Stock Read First Time. Ottawa, April 29.—At the opening of the House yesterday, Hon. Sydney Fisher introduced a bill to amend the act respecting the incorporation of live stock record associations. The object desired by the Minister was to nationalize the records of thoroughbred stock in Canada at the request of the breeders. It was hoped that Canadian stockmen would benefit. Foreign countries, such as the United States, would then have no doubt regarding the genuineness of the record, and animals might be admitted to that country free of duty. The bill was read for the first time.

The autonomy debate was resumed by Mr. Martin, of North Wellington, and he was followed by Messrs. Elson, of Middlesex, Black of South Hants, Adams of Huron, Mr. W. G. and Sinclair. Mr. Bristol, Toronto, hit the floor first on Monday in this debate.

## TIME WILL COME SOME DAY.

When Canada Lays Foundation, Will Take Empire's Sarden.

London, April 29.—(G. A. P.)—Referring to Earl Grey's words about naval burdens, The Edinburgh Scotsman says these words should go home to the people of Canada, who are loyal and generous-hearted.

After referring to the past services of Canada during the war, the preferential tariff, and the taking over of Esquimaux and Halifax, The Scotsman says: "Still greater evidence will be forthcoming that this stalwart child of the Empire is ready and willing to bear its part of the burden of Empire as soon as time for thought and action is afforded from the labor that still restrains every nerve—that of 'laying securely the foundations of a magnificent future in a country as large as Europe.'"

Government-Owned Telephone Line. Toronto, April 29.—The Board of Commissioners of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway decided, at a meeting held yesterday forenoon, to inaugurate a Government-owned telephone system for the entire length of the railway. For the present the telephone line will be built from North Bay to New Lakehead, a distance of 113 miles, but as the railway is extended northward the telephone system will also be extended. The estimated cost of the telephone system is not yet announced. The line will likely be built this summer.

Guns Replaced at Hong Kong. Hong Kong, April 29.—The dockyard at Kowloon has replaced three 45-ton, wire-wound 13-inch guns of the British battleships Albion and Glory.

Experts consider this to be a notable achievement, showing that the Kowloon dockyard is an important factor in the efficiency of the British far eastern squadron.

Launched for Mounted Police. Ottawa, April 29.—The Marine Department will construct a 124-foot twin screw launch at Sorel for mounted police purposes in Hudson Bay. The craft will not be completed this summer.

Hospital Burns in Quebec. Quebec, April 29.—The new immigration hospital at Savard Park has been completely destroyed by fire yesterday morning. Losses are estimated at \$25,000, partly insured.

Cardinal Is Dead. Rome, April 29.—Cardinal Andrea Aguti, Archbishop of Verona, died yesterday. He was born in Italy in 1859 and was created a cardinal in 1903.

German Money for Russia. Berlin, April 29.—The Russian Government has concluded a short period loan of \$100,000,000 with Mendelssohn & Co. and other German bankers.

Commercial Editor Dies. Montreal, April 29.—Wm. A. Ritchie, for many years commercial editor of the Gazette, died yesterday after several weeks' illness.

Bonus For Best Sugar Factory. Whitby, April 29.—The Town of Whitby yesterday voted a bonus of \$25,000 for the establishment of a best sugar factory.

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## RECEPTION TO THEIR MINISTER

Congregation of St. Andrew's Church Fittingly Recognized Honor Conferred on Esteemed Pastor.

Engrossed Address Presented to Rev. Dr. Battisby—Many Congratulatory Expressions.

Last evening, in the S. S. Hall of St. Andrew's Church, a complimentary reception was given the esteemed pastor of the church, on the occasion of his return from Kingston, where the Senate of Queen's University had conferred upon him the honorary degree of D. D.

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of the congregation assembled at 8 p. m., when Manson Campbell took the chair.

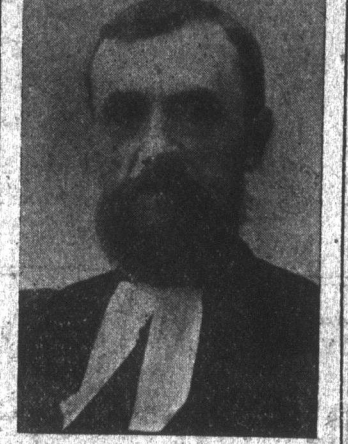
A short and select musical program was rendered by Misses Ada Ross, Gertie Somerville and Edythe Hill, followed by a reading in dialect by J. G. Kerr.

Light refreshments were then served, after which D. McLaughlin was called to the chair and the following address was read.

The address will be engrossed and bound in leather.

Rev. J. R. Battisby, Ph. D., D. D., Pastor of St. Andrew's Church, Chatham, Ontario.

Reverend and Dear Sir,—The congregation of St. Andrew's Church,



REV. J. R. BATTISBY, M. A., Ph. D., D. D.  
The Esteemed Pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

cannot allow the pleasing event of this week to pass without formally and publicly, but none the less heartily, congratulating you upon the distinguished honor shown you by Queen's University, Kingston, in conferring upon you the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. The Senate of that progressive and illustrious seat of learning in Eastern Ontario, which has done and is increasingly doing so much not only for the secular but for the religious culture of the Province, desiring, doubtless, to bind more closely the educational interests of the East and the West, has singled you out as the representative and veteran Presbyterian minister of Western Ontario to receive one of the highest honors any University can bestow.

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Once more we, one and all, heartily congratulate you upon the merited distinction you have received, and we express the earnest hope that you may, be long spared in health and in Christian joy to serve the Master of assemblies in this church and in this city, so that at the end

you may be able to say with Paul, the great apostle of the Gentiles: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Signed on behalf of the congregation—

WM. SOMERVILLE, Clerk of Session.

W. F. MALCOLMSON, Sec. Board of Managers.

MRS. W. A. HADLEY, President Ladies' Aid.

Rev. Dr. Battisby made a feeling and suitable reply, after which short congratulatory speeches were made by Sheriff Gemmill, Manson Campbell, J. G. Kerr, D. S. Paterson, Dr. Duncan, W. Somerville, John Glassford, Col. Martin and the chairman. Several of the speakers indulged in pleasing and humorous reminiscences. Altogether the evening was a very pleasant and profitable one, both pastor and congregation being encouraged to pursue the important work of the church with renewed energy and consecration.

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