

MINISTERIAL POSING.

Mr. Helmcken seems to have "hit the nail on the head" with great accuracy when he said yesterday that "if the ministers wished to reduce their salaries they should have placed the reduced amounts in the estimates as submitted, and not come posing before the house in this way."...

THE BRITISH VIEW.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech at the Canada club banquet has not given a large measure of encouragement to the advocates of the preferential trade idea in Canada, especially those who at the same time advocate a continuance of protection.

"He does not desire to discourage the idea of preferential trade within the empire, but he does not see how it can be got on the lines advocated by some of the colonies. He fears that England would get very little in the way of preference; that, in short, the bargain would be a one-sided one and not to her advantage."

"OBSTRUCTION."

Ottawa ministers and their friends seem to have conceived the plan of misrepresenting the Liberals as obstructionists in connection with the remedial bill. In Quebec, especially, Mr. Laurier is held up as the chief concealer of a scheme to burke the bill by talking it out.

THE BRIDGE PROPOSAL.

There seems to be a good deal of sound sense at the bottom of the new plan proposed for the building of the bridge across the Fraser at New Westminster. As the matter now stands the government is pledged to grant a subsidy for the building of a bridge to the amount of \$18,000 a year for seven years, and the subsidy may be continued for three years longer if the circumstances call for it.

The Monetary Times, so far as we know, is not among the advocates of the preferential trade scheme, and it is certainly not a protectionist; it may therefore be looked upon as an impartial critic. The Toronto World, which is an ardent protectionist, thus refers to Mr. Chamberlain's views: "The other scheme, proposed by Mr. Chamberlain himself, is the establishment of an imperial Zollverein, with free trade throughout the empire."

A meeting of the Conservatives of the St. Lawrence division of Montreal was called by some gentlemen who were extremely anxious to nominate Mayor Wilson-Smith as the Conservative candidate. There was some opposition to this cut-and-dried programme at the meeting and the result of the clash must have been highly entertaining to the Liberals.

proposition it has called out. The making of the two declarations has cleared the ground, so that the difficulties in the way of the end sought—which is the same in both cases—may be clearly seen. They are very serious ones, it is plain; but they may turn out that they are not insuperable.

Lastly, a quotation may be made from the speech by Lord Rosebery before the National Liberal Federation, as showing the trend of opinion in the school of politicians of which he is a representative. It will be noted that while the Liberal leader is an imperialist he recognizes the very serious divergence between those who talk preferential trade in Canada and those who are willing to consider it in England.

"Mr. Chamberlain had admitted, said Lord Rosebery, that the levying of a duty by Great Britain on food samples imported from foreign countries, compared with similar commodities from the colonies were admitted without duty, would increase the cost of living for the working classes of the United Kingdom. This would result in increasing the cost of the bread, thereby impairing the capacity of Great Britain to compete with the other countries of Europe in neutral markets."

It is manifestly incumbent on the Conservative politicians of this country who have been talking glibly about preferential trade to say something definite as to how far they are willing to go in the way of concession to these declared opinions of British statesmen. How far are they prepared to depart from the protectionist system which they have heretofore represented as necessary to keep this country from utter ruin?

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There is scarcely a page of our tariff from which illustrations could not be drawn to show that our tariff discourages industry, or that it is constructed so much in the general interest as in that of some particular person or company that has managed to get the ear of the finance minister—Principal Grant.

The Montreal correspondent of the Week writes: "In this city, at any rate, Mr. Laurier's course is warmly approved by the French Liberals, and I am assured that the same feeling of unwavering loyalty to their leader is universal throughout the province."

insubordinate, and it is by no means probable that this opportunity will be taken to get rid of him. A striking illustration of the temper of the French Liberals was afforded by an incident at a political dinner given a day or so ago at the Club National in honor of F. G. M. Dechenne, M. P. P. Mr. Beausoleil was one of the speakers, and while protesting his devotion to Mr. Laurier defended his action on the school question. He spoke to a grim and silent audience, which a moment later became warmly enthusiastic when Mr. Geoffrion, M. P., proceeded to give his reasons for opposing the measure.

The Columbian—Instead of worrying itself and raising groundless apprehensions in the minds of its readers with regard to the reasonable, desirable and beneficial tariff revision that the Liberals propose, it would be a good deal more to the purpose of the Chilliwack Progress, as a vigilant sentinel of an agricultural community, would warn its readers of the base hypocrisy and treachery practised on the farmers by the Conservative government and party.

Nelson Tribune: The thumbs-up counting from British Columbia, namely, Prior, Earle, Corbould, Haslam, Mara and Barnard, voted as a unit for the remedial bill, the latter tearing himself away from his duties as manager of the Fraser River, Lillooet & Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, to do so.

Sir Charles Tupper's programme is to ship Sir Mackenzie Bowell to London as a delegate to the Pacific cable conference, keep him there by making him high commissioner and secure the premiership for himself. It is quite possible that this little scheme may be blocked by Sir Mackenzie refusing to go away and leave the command in the hands of Sir Charles, who has shown himself quite capable of leading the party into the ditch.

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Do not our largest sympathies well out to those who suffer from heart disease? It comes so suddenly, and its symptoms are usually so distressing that the direct agony is experienced by the patient. The case of Mr. L. W. Law, of Toronto Junction, Ont., who was unable to lie down in bed for 18 months owing to smothering spells and palpitation, is by no means exceptional.

If afflicted with scalp diseases, hair falling out, and premature baldness, do not use grease or alcoholic preparations, but apply Hall's Hair Renewer.

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bought at the creamery at 8 cents per gallon. Now this same gentleman wants to contract for milk, I suppose to make butter, at 12 cents per gallon. How is he to succeed unless he has the secret of Aladdin's lamp, or is himself a genius? The assistance that the government propose giving towards establishing creameries I think a very sensible move and eventually a great benefit to the farmers.

Let the supporters of the British Pacific railway road the city members in order that their influence may be added to that of the men of New Westminster in carrying out this enormous boon to the city, and aid to the construction, in the near future, of THE BRITISH PACIFIC.

To the Editor: As Mr. J. F. Chandler in your issue of the 27th inst. has written on in reference to aid to dairying, so doing found it served his purpose to attack the Dairywomen's Fruit Growers Association, I beg to advise your permission to put forward what I believe to be the remedy, the latter tearing himself away from his duties as manager of the Fraser River, Lillooet & Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, to do so.

The Ladies of the Macbeths succeeded in entertaining a large audience at their social at the A. O. U. W. hall last evening. The programme was as follows: Instrumental duet, Misses McAdam and King; solo, Miss Dolan; vocal, Miss Cameron; solo, Mrs. McGraw; recitation, Miss Seweroff; solo, Miss Duffie; instrumental, Mrs. Masses; solo, Mrs. W. R. Higgins; solo, Mrs. Wilkinson. Refreshments were served during the evening.

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for defendant. In Baines v. Cuthbert plaintiff recovered judgment for \$2 and costs. The plaintiff, William Baines, sued Herbert W. G. Bowman. Mr. Cuthbert recovered judgment for \$45 on an assignment from a yard on View street from Mr. Bowman at \$5 per month, and at Bowman's as he says, it was agreed the accounts were then settled. His lordship ordered that defendant should pay one month's rent, amounting to \$5, and costs. J. P. Walls for plaintiff and Robert Robertson for defendant.

VICTORIA MARKETS.

Table with multiple columns listing market prices for various goods including flour, sugar, and other commodities.

THEIR LAST MEETING.

The last meeting of the members of the recently disorganized Central Presbyterian church was held last evening in the school house building, among those present being: Rev. W. Leslie Clay, Joseph Shaw, elder; Mr. W. A. Lorimer, superintendent of the Sunday school, and Rev. P. C. L. Harris, who has occupied the pulpit for the past six months. Elder Shaw referred to the disorganization of the church. Rev. Mr. Clay spoke on behalf of St. Andrew's church, under whose auspices the Sunday school and Boys' Brigade work will be continued, and Rev. Mr. Harris referred to the work of the past six months. Votes of thanks were tendered Mr. P. Gordon, the choir leader, and the ladies. Rev. Mr. Harris was presented with the following address accompanied by a beautifully bound volume of "Hitler's poems":

"We the members and attendants of the Central Presbyterian church desire to express our appreciation of your services during the last six months, assuring you that they have been helpful and refreshing to us in our daily life as well as building us up in the faith of the life to come. We also desire to convey our gratitude for the way in which you came to our aid in the last moment when we were suddenly without any one to preach the following Sunday. That and the disinterested unselfishness you have displayed in regard to your remuneration has awakened in all our minds feelings of respect and affection that will not easily be forgotten. With kind wishes for you and yours, trusting that your future may be pleasant and prosperous, and that God's blessing may follow your labors, believe us to remain yours sincerely, (signed) Joseph Shaw and members of the congregation."

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