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Its Adoption Might Have Furthered British Preference, He Says—Laurier True Imperialist.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—(Can. Press).—The Times this morning published a letter from Earl Grey, in which he takes exception to the way in which the Chamberlain referred to Canada in his speech Monday night. He desires to protest, he says, against the assumption that Laurier's policy of reciprocal free trade in certain natural products between Canada and the United States showed any want of Imperial spirit on his part. On the contrary it was the belief of Laurier and his colleagues that the free entry of the products of Canadian farms, fisheries and forests into the protected market of over ninety million people would add greatly to the wealth of Canada, and thus create an increased market for protected manufactures in Canada and the United Kingdom that caused them to favor the policy of reciprocity. It is possible, he says, to go further and say it is not improbable that had this policy been accepted by the people of Canada, British preference would be further increased.

As one of those whose desire is to secure the nearest possible approximation to inter-imperial free trade, that the revenue requirements and national necessities of each self-governing united empire will permit, I am inclined to agree with those who believe that the adoption of the reciprocity proposals might have brought about a nearer approximation to that ideal of inter-imperial free trade which is dear to the heart of Austen Chamberlain. Laurier's policy was not conceived in any anti-imperial spirit, but the speeches of Taff and others alarmed Canadian statesmen, who were just as prepared as Chamberlain himself to spend their last dollar and expend their last drop of blood in any struggle necessary to maintain the integrity of the empire.

SCARBORO WANTS CHEAPER POWER

Farmers' Club Will Ask the Township Council to Take Steps to Secure Hydro.

The Scarboro Farmers' Club held its regular meeting in the Temperance Hall on Monday. The meeting was largely attended, showing the keen interest taken in the question of securing hydro-electric power for local uses. The club's committee on the subject of hydro-electric power, which was organized last week, reported that it has found it an unequalled success. Mr. Purcell of the hydro commission, outlined the steps to be taken for the securing of the power. After some questions had been asked and answered, it was decided to write a letter to the township council, asking that they take necessary steps towards the immediate securing of the advantages of the hydro-electric power.

Getting Gas Turned On in France

France is at once the paradise and inferno of bureaucracy, writes Arnold Bennett, in the January issue of the Metropolitan Magazine. For example, he continues, I wanted the gas turned on. A simple affair! Drop a postcard to the company telling the company to come and turn it on. Not at all! I was told that it would be better to call upon the company. So I called. "What do you want?" "I am the new tenant of a flat, and I want the gas turned on." "Ah! You are the new tenant of a flat, and you want the gas turned on. Monsieur Chose, here is the new tenant of a flat and he wants the gas turned on. Where should he be let in?" About a quarter of an hour of this, and then at last I am told by a municipal employee sure of his job and of his pension, to the far-distant room of the higher employee appointed by the City of Paris to deal with such matters. This room is furnished somewhat like that of a solicitor's managing clerk. "Good morning, sir." "Good morning, sir." "It appears, sir—Monsieur Benny, fourth floor, number 18, Rue de Calais, sixth arrondissement, is it not?—that you want the gas turned on. Will you put yourself to the trouble of sitting down, Monsieur Benny?" I sit down. He sits down. "Ah! So you want the gas turned on? Let us see what we can do." Hundreds of such applications must be made every day. But the attitude of this ceremonial official might be put into words thus: "A strange and interesting application of yours, to have the gas turned on! Very remarkable! It strikes me! The case must be examined with the care and the respect which it deserves."

DIED OF INJURIES

The death occurred yesterday afternoon at St. Michael's Hospital of James Casper Randall of 186 Baskin Court, avenue. He was 46 years of age and was badly injured in a fall from the roof of the Canada Foundry some weeks ago. He had been in a precarious condition ever since until yesterday, when he succumbed to the injuries. He is survived by a widow and a young family. Interment takes place Thursday morning in Forest Cemetery.

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SUCCESS OF HYDRO-ELECTRIC MEANS THE EFFICIENT CONTROL OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

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to railways. The C. P. R. does not want its rates assessed according to the number of accidents annually on the G. T. R. and vice versa. The railways also want to administer their own funds. This will not be permitted; such can be inferred from opinions officially by Sir William Meredith. He is tacitly inclined to control by the state, but has already stated that the railways may be left outside of the act until later on, but it is as sure, too, that they will finally be subjected to this legislation. It is also understood that the Washington act will be again adhered to in regard to grouping, according to hazard. The greater the hazard the higher the rate. Greater caution and consequent reduction in the number of accidents yearly, tend to make some industries "less hazardous," according to the dictates of the act, and lower rates.

C. M. A.'s Viewpoint.

In regard to the taking up of a state system of workmen's compensation, F. W. Wegensast says: "The success of the Hydro-Electric Commission in the Province of Ontario is due in a large measure to the Canadian Manufacturers' Association advocating the state system." This means that the government appoint a commission to control the administration of the act, to make the awards and strike the rates.

Hinsdale Examined.

At the outset of the resumption of the investigation into the progress of workmen's compensation legislation in other countries, by Sir William Meredith, at the parliament buildings last night, he again cross-examined F. W. Hinsdale, who he denoted his impatience at not being able to get a copy of the latest Washington yearly statement. Mr. Hinsdale promised to send a copy as soon as possible. "You set aside a reserve fund for death and permanent disability, do you?" asked Sir William Meredith of the American authority. "Also in the case of total and partial disability, Mr. Hinsdale." "In the case of partial disability, like the loss of an arm, we put aside a sum which we pay in annual instalments until it is exhausted. This prevents squandering. We pay amounts according to the act, therefore we do not capitalize." "Scale Exists." The commissioner: "Who fixes the amount?" Mr. Hinsdale: "The amount for any

specific loss was fixed by the statute. We have a scale, so that it is not a matter of uncertainty what the insured gets." The commissioner: "What do you mean by partial disability?" Mr. Hinsdale: "Twenty-five days." The commissioner: "What do you call extreme cases of duration?" Mr. Hinsdale: "Fifteen months and up." The commissioner: "Are there many such cases on your list?" Mr. Hinsdale: "We have now only two of the 6000 taken in hand." The commissioner: "This practically eliminates the necessity for a reserve fund then. Then what about the widows?" Mr. Hinsdale: "For a widow of 30 years of age we set aside \$4000, invested at five per cent. We anticipate this to cover her cost of subsistence for 35 years, the average duration of expectancy, but most widows, according to experience, remarry." The commissioner: "What is the average period between death of husband and remarriage?" Mr. Hinsdale: "Two years."

F. W. Wegensast replied to the criticisms of actuarial experts who had spoken deprecatingly of the Washington system. "I would like to deal with the sentimental side," said he. "Oh, I am not," said the commissioner. "We have to consider its economic side."

"Well, why should the present generation pay the cost of providing for the past?" said Mr. Wegensast. "This will be done under capitalized burdens of the future, and no new beginners should have to pay for things happening before they entered business," was the retort from the manufacturers' representative.

"The employers in this province are the pioneers, and they want it to come down on them gradually instead of as a shock. If the system is to be conducted on the capital cost plan, then unless some clause is inserted in the new legislation allowing the administration of the fund by a casualty company, the C. M. A. will not give it its emphatic support. We want the same privilege of forming groups or individual firms who have benefit funds of their own."

State Funds. "I won't advocate anything of the sort," said the commissioner. "No firm should be permitted to administer these funds." "Such firms as Massey-Harris, etc., want the current cost plan," was the retort. Wegensast contradicted S. H. Wolfe's arguments, and said he had put up a bad case, and his brief is absolutely unimpaired. "I can understand the building up of reserve funds in some industries," said he. "The liquor business may be legislated out of existence, but some dependents which must be looked after. If such a system as capitalized cost is allowed, you run the danger of over-capitalization, and the present bears the burden of the future."

"Oh, I don't know about that." "It is impossible to strike an average according to present statistics. I am prepared to say that the Washington rates will rise." The Average. "Can't you strike an average, as they have done in Washington?" said his lordship. "That seems reasonable." In the case of rise of rates, Mr.

Wegensast asked what would become of the unprogressive employers. "We are counting on the rapid rise of rates, to induce some members of our association to join in a campaign for more care, by the installation of safety appliances," said he. "Let the legislation be direct in its benefits," said the commissioner. "Then you let the north winds do the work of the south," was the retort. "By the imposition of direct heavy rates will cause a shock, which when the chill has been taken off, the demand for more safety appliances will not be more insistent than it is now."

The Good System. "Wouldn't it be better to start on the Washington reserve system, and later on change if necessary," put in the commissioner. "That does not help towards the tendency to depreciate carelessness," said he. "I would like to see a system whereby a provisional rate is struck, and the rate is then adjusted according to the number of accidents in the first year," said Sir William.

Objects to Reports. F. W. Wegensast made emphatic protest to the reports that he did not represent the actual views of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. Sir William admitted that he recognized Mr. Wegensast as the direct representative of the C.M.A., and took his evidence as such.

The alcoholic consumption per head in this country is a little less than twenty-three gallons per year of which twenty-one are contained in beer.

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An Indiana Farmer, Satiated With Luxuries, Made Quaint Bargain.

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BOYS THAT DO THINGS

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Boy Scouts honor their King in hearty practical service for suffering ones. "Second Toronto Troop" of Boy Scouts—one of the troop of juniors—has sent to the King Edward Memorial Hospital for Consumptives, a cheque for \$384.75, proceeds of sale of Christmas stamps by the members of this one troop. Mr. C. Greer in sending the amount says: "I think it is splendid that one troop of junior scouts is able to send more than enough to endow a bed."

VOLCANIC DUST IN ATMOSPHERE

From many points in America and Europe come reports of an unusual turbidity of the atmosphere, which began early last summer and still continues. This is manifested in a marked diminution of the intensity of solar radiation, as measured with the pyrheliometer, abnormal displacement of the neutral points of atmospheric polarization, a hazy appearance of the sky, and the presence of Bishop's ring around the sun. From Dublin, Sir John Moore wrote last August: "The sky is constantly covered with a thin film of uniform cloud in which no halos develop, and through which the sun, moon and stars shine with a subdued, sickly brightness." Observers in Russia, Switzerland, Sweden and Germany, as well as America, report an unusual lack of blueness in the sky. "There seems to be every reason to attribute these phenomena to the presence in the upper atmosphere of an immense pall of dust arising from the explosive eruption of Katmai volcano in Alaska last June. Similar effects were observed after the eruptions of Krakatoa and Mont Pelé, and in those cases lasted for some years."

Good Game Up North. NORTH BAY, Ont., Jan. 14.—In a Northern International Hockey League series, North Bay defeated Sturgeon Falls here tonight, 5 to 4, in a hard-fought game before a large audience, the visitors coming down by special train. The first half ended with a tie, 3 to 3. Sturgeon Falls took the lead in the second half, but died away, and the North Bay team's condition told, they securing six goals in succession. J. Andrews, Sturgeon Falls' fast wing man, was laid out early in the game, and, without seriously crippling his team, as his substitute was weak. C. E. Hammond starred. Line-up: North Bay (3)—Goal, Lockhart; point, Bynan; cover, Croghan; rover, Stoddart; centre, Teskey; left, Reynolds; right, Brennan. Sturgeon Falls (4)—Goal, Renaud; point, W. Britton; cover, Merchant; rover, Marchildon; centre, Weber; left, J. Andrews; right, A. Andrews.

Six Men Aside at Elmira

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