

## Imperial Conference Will Discuss Foreign Policy of Great Britain.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS TO BE TREATED OUT BY IMPERIAL STATESMEN WHEN THEY MEET IN LONDON NEXT FALL.

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Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 14.—When leading Liberal Opposition in the House of Commons, Mr. Mackenzie King, announced this resolution:—

"That the House, while recognizing the propriety of Canada being represented at any Imperial Conference or Conference of the Prime Ministers of the Empire that may be called, do record the opinion that at the same conference no steps should be taken in any way involving any change in the relations of Canada to other parts of the Empire."

The resolution was moved on the floor of the House, and after a long and heated debate, it was carried by a majority of 100. But it is of special interest at the present moment because it indicates the lines which it is intended Premier King intends to follow when constitutional relations are discussed at the coming Imperial Conference. Canada has no intention of raising any question of constitutional change and any such discussion will, it is thought, turn largely to improvement in methods of conducting the Empire.

In 1917, the Imperial War Conference recognized the "right of the Dominions and India to an adequate say in foreign policy and in foreign relations," and urged the provision of effective arrangements for consultation in all important matters of common Imperial concern. The "adequate voice" has still to be heard. The "effective arrangements" have still to be made.

Imperial conferences are in progress. The problem of Dominion consultation is being tackled. Every facility is then available for full exchange of views. The difficulty comes when the conference has passed its final resolutions and delegates have gone their various ways. Between conferences there is usually a long interval, and in that interval important questions are apt to arise as was the case last fall in the crisis of the Dardanelles. Premier King has stated that the earlier the crisis of this episode were not communicated to the Dominion Governments at all. The first official dispatch was the dramatic "appeal" to the Dominions, asking if they would be represented by their own members. Members of the Dominion Government were hurriedly summoned together to consider an issue, the importance of which they could not appreciate at the time, although they knew the Empire hovered on the edge of war. And to add to the irony of the "appeal" appeared in the Press when it was officially received by the Dominion Governments.

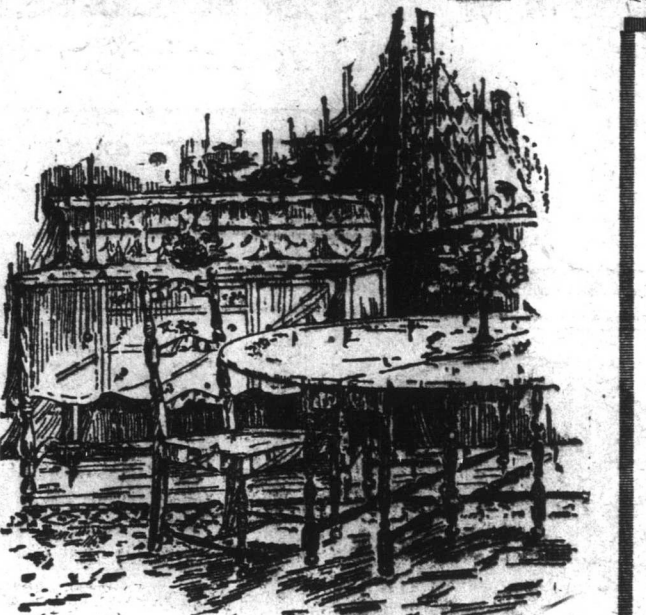
Discussion of the problem of consultation has brought numerous suggestions of status, various suggestions of schemes. Premier Massey of New Zealand thinks ministers of the Dominion should have the same position as British ministers and "be in position to approach the Sovereign." Mr. Bruce of Australia and Mr. Smuts of South Africa have said their position clear. Premier King will hold, as Mr. Hughes held, that the Dominions are entitled to a voice in foreign policy on a right which, as a matter of fact, has already been formally recognized. "What South Africa should do," declared Premier Smuts, "is to use her voice as no longer as a subordinate but as one of the states of a commonwealth." But how, as Mr. Hughes queried at the last Conference, in 1921 "are the Dominions to have an effective voice in foreign policy when as things stand they can only be told after the things have been done and are not consulted beforehand?"

Clearly as a means of meeting the situation, there has been a revival of the proposal that the Dominions should each be represented by a resident minister in London who would keep in constant touch with the British authorities. During the war Canada was represented in London by a resident minister—Sir George Perley—who had become acting High Commissioner following the death of Lord Curzon. Sir Edward Kemp as Minister of Overseas Military Services was also resident in London during a large part of the war period.

Sir George Perley has recently advanced the view that the high commissioners of the various Dominions should be members of their governments and charged with the duty of representing the Dominion Government whenever the occasion demands. Lord Strathclyde speaking in the House of Lords put forward another suggestion and one rather reminiscent of the Imperial Council of 1917, proposed by New Zealand. He suggested that the Dominions should have representatives in the British Parliament, that the Dominion High Commissioners should have seats in the House of Commons and should be invited to be

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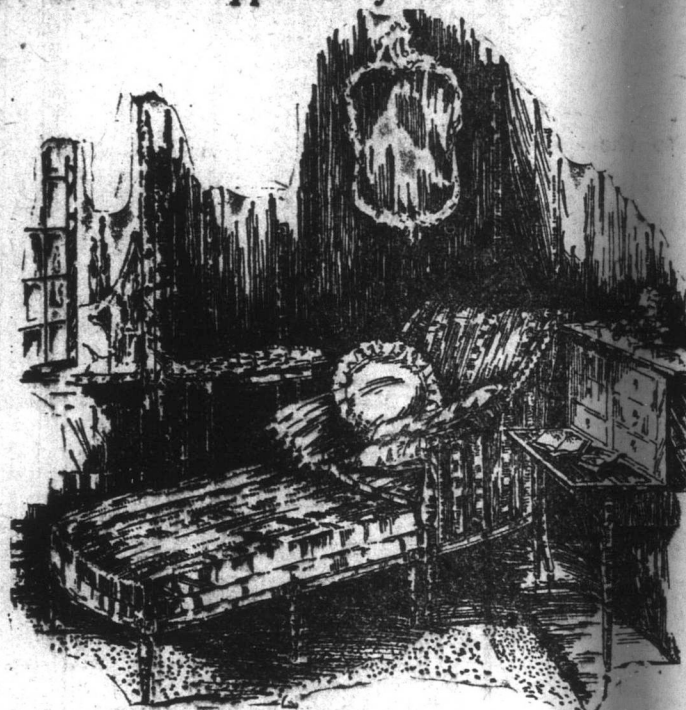
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present at Cabinet meetings when the Empire's foreign policy is discussed. Further Lord Strathclyde pressed the view that instead of an Imperial Conference every few years there should be daily consultation.

But there is another side to the question and one which may have considerable bearing on the attitude taken by the Canadian delegates next October. The subject before the conference was the Declaration of London and Sir Wilfrid laid stress on the point that to press for the right to give advice implied willingness to back up the advice with deeds, if need be.

"This is a treaty," declared Sir Wilfrid, "which lays down certain rules of war, as to what manner war is to be carried out by the Great Powers of Europe. In my humble judgment if you undertake to be consulted and to lay down a wish that your advice should be pursued as to the manner in which war is to be carried on, it implies of necessity that you should take part in that war."

It is altogether likely, too, that the conference will hear echoes of the halibut treaty between Canada and the United States, or rather of the procedure adopted in its signature. Possibly no similar document in recent years has aroused so much controversy over constitutional points involved. More may yet be heard.

## A Re-Enacted Love Story of the Ages.

IS PRODUCTION AT THE NICKEL.

A re-enacted love story of the ages. "Always the Woman," a Betty Compson production starring herself, distributed by Goldwyn, was shown last night at the Nickel theatre and scored a hit with the spectators. It gave this clever and charming screen star an opportunity to disclose her histrionic gifts in more variety and profusion than any other production in which she has been seen.

"Always the Woman" is a screen version of a story by Percy Poore Sheehan, and was directed by Arthur Rosson under Miss Compson's personal supervision. Its cast is one of the best seen in any picture of the screen, including, as it does, Emory Johnson, Doris Pawn, Macey Harlan, Gerald Pring, Arthur Delmore and Richard Rosson.

As Celia Thaxter, a slangy American vaudeville dancer en route to Egypt, Miss Compson has a role entirely different from anything in which she has previously been seen. On the ship is an Egyptian mystic who recognises in her a reincarnation of the oldtime Queen, Neco-Tokris, who gave up her life for love. The old tragedy begins to re-enact itself, Kelm Pasha, a wealthy Egyptian statesman, being the reincarnation of the high priest who sent Neco-Tokris and her lover to death.

In an oasis of the desert and in an ancient pyramid, the modern enactment of the old story takes place, only this time the lovers are united, due to the desire for atonement by the mystic, who in the former incarnation betrayed the Queen. Macey Harlan is the High Priest and later Kelm Pasha, and Emory Johnson the lover.

## Monthly Meeting Nfld. Poultry Association.

The monthly meeting of the Nfld. Poultry Association was held last night at 8 o'clock. Mr. G. R. Williams, the President, occupied the chair, while a large number of members were in attendance. The chief business of the meeting was the appointment of a deputation to interview the Department of Agriculture with a view of extending the work of the Association in encouraging Poultry Culture more generally throughout the Island through the Association's agencies for the benefit of the general public. A very interesting report was read of a visit made to the poultry farm of Mr. Leonard Earle, an account of whose activities appears in another column of this issue. The holding of the annual show also came up for discussion at this meeting. It was decided to hold the show for three days during the last week in November. Arrangements are being made to give illustrated lantern lectures each evening on poultry culture. President Hughes of the Bell Island Poultry Association stated that they would probably hold their exhibition in November as well. The Committee in this connection are making every effort to make it a huge success.

"Ma's compliments," quoth the small boy, "but she sent me to show you this bone brought with the best this morning."

The butcher smiled sarcastically. "Trot back, my little man, and tell your ma that the next time I kill a bullock without bones I'll give it as a present to her."

"Ma's compliments," said the boy, "but the next time you get beef with a mutton bone in it she will buy the whole carcass as a curiosity."

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