

LATEST CABLE NEWS

Colonial Gentlemen Dined by St. George's Club.

SPEECH BY SIR CHARLES TUPPER

Canadian Loyalty an Impassable Bar to Absorption by the United States—The Pacific Cable Conference Decided to Recommend That the Cable be Built.

London, Jan. 5.—Sir Charles Tupper, formerly Canadian High Commissioner to Great Britain, and more recently Prime Minister of Canada, which office he resigned on July 8 last; Sir Robert George Wyndham Herbert, who was permanent Under Secretary of State for the Colonies from 1870 to 1882, and who is now Agent-General for Tasmania, and the Hon. Duncan Gillies, Agent-General for Victoria, were the guests of honor this evening at a banquet given by the St. George's Club of this city. Major-General Sir Owen Burne presided in the absence of Lord Loch, formerly Governor of Cape Colony and Her Majesty's High Commissioner to South Africa. Among those present were Sir Donald Smith, Canadian High Commissioner to Great Britain; A. G. Jones, Sanford Fleming, Major John W. Laurie, M.P., who at one time was a Colonel in the Canadian militia; and Mr. Rufus Pope, a member of the Canadian Parliament. Gen. Burne, in toasting Sir Charles Tupper, made a lengthy reference to his distinguished career. In replying to the toast, Sir Charles said that he did not go from London to Canada for the purpose of succeeding Sir Mackenzie Bowden in the Premiership, but that he was summoned by the latter to confer with the Government on important public business connected with Canada and the Empire. He had been reluctantly drawn into politics when he thought he had been called from an active political life. The Liberal-Conservative party in Canada had asked him to re-enter the arena.

CATTLE, FRUIT, FISH

The Subjects Before the U. S. Tariff Commission.

HIT BY CANADIAN COMPETITION.

Washington, D.C., Jan. 5.—Before the Ways and Means Committee to-day, cattlemen having interests in grazing in Mexico and Kansas opposed high duties on cattle as injurious to the farmers as well as to the cattlemen. Mr. Sherman, representing, he said, two-thirds of the cattle imported from Mexico, also opposed high duties as inimical to the interests of farmers, feeders and dealers. Mr. Sherman thought that the high duties on cattle had been decided upon by Congress to keep out Canadian competition, without thought of Mexican business. Congressman Curtis of Kansas asked to have restored the duty of \$1 a head on all cattle one year old or over, and \$2 a head on calves less than one year old. Customs would have a duty absolutely prohibitory on every agricultural product that can be raised in this country. Kansas would like duties on hay, oats and flaxseed. Representative Bowers of California declared that the Wilson law had killed the cattle business in California. He then turned his attention to the fruit trade, for which he demanded a high protective tariff. Such a tariff would not increase prices and given protection California would flood the country with certain grades of fruit, and he said \$15,000,000 worth of fruit would be kept at home. Then representatives of the National Grange urged for a bounty on exports of agricultural products. Others asked for specific duties. The representative of the National Hay Association wanted a duty of \$1 a ton on that product. He did not see how the competition from pauper hay, but he told the committee the eastern farmers suffered from Canadian competition. He also asked for a rebate on the McKinley duties on hops, which was 15 cents per pound (it is now 8 cents), and he said that if the American hop growers did not soon receive aid through legislation by having the duty on foreign hops placed at not less than 15 cents per pound they would be driven out of business. Representatives asked for protective duties on rice and macaroni. Then pro and con speakers were heard on the salt duties, and C. H. McCue of Boston took up the rights of the United States fishermen. He asked for an increase of 3 per cent on every fish, and a new clause giving 1-2c on cod and a new clause giving 1-2c on skinned and boneless and all other fish. The Dominion authorities, he said, hampered American fishermen in every way possible, denying them all commercial rights and treating them in the most brutal manner. Mr. De Butts of Boston, representing over sixty firms, claimed that Mr. McCue did not speak for all fishermen. In fact he did not represent more than 15 per cent of them. He thought the present rate of duty on fish was sufficient and did not want more. American fishermen would not be protected by the increase he showed, that over 85 per cent of the men engaged on our fishing vessels were foreigners coming here during the season, and at its end returning to their homes. S. S. Smith of Boston said Mr. De Butts represented only importers and did not speak for the fishermen. Representative Moddy of Massachusetts was given permission to file a written reply to Mr. De Butts as far as his statement referred to the fishermen of Massachusetts. F. W. Kelsey, representing the Florists' Club of New York city, advocated a duty of ten per cent on all trees, shrubs, vines and bulbs. The committee adjourned until tomorrow morning, when schedule K, raw wool, will be taken up.

WEDDING BELLS.

WRIGHT—CLIFFORD.

"Riverside Place," the residence of Mrs. Wm. Clifford, was the scene of a very happy event on Wednesday, Dec. 30th, it being the marriage of her daughter Mary Ellen, to Mr. John M. Wright, one of Crampton's brightest and most promising young men. The bride was handsomely attired in cream cashmere and wearing roses in her hair. She was assisted by Miss Maggie Orth, of Burgessville, who was also beautifully dressed in cream cashmere. Freeman Wright, brother of the groom, did the honors of groomsman. At half past five the bridal party entered the parlor and under a "mistletoe dome" were united in holy wedlock by the Rev. Geo. Richardson, of Ingersoll. Miss Clifford, who has always been an active church worker and a great favorite among her many acquaintances, will be greatly missed here. The high esteem in which she was held is clearly shown by the many useful and valuable presents which she received as follows: Mahogany rocker, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wright; set dishes, Mrs. Howe; clock, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mitchell; oak rocker, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Mitchell; silver butter cooler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Sherwood; jewel case, Mr. Edgar Clifford; cake basket, Mr. Pollard and Miss Smith; silver cream jug, Mr. and Mrs. F. Howe; silver crumb tray and brush, Miss E. Pollard; carving set, Mr. and Mrs. R. Wright; album, Miss M. Orth, Burgessville; five o'clock tea set, Rev. Willmont and Miss Hattie McMillen; London crust, Mr. Harry and Miss May Couch; lamp, Mr. Isaac Clifford; silver fruit dish, Mr. and Mrs. G. Clifford; tea pot and server, Miss M. Thorp, Woodstock; silver butter cooler, Miss S. Skinner; wine bottle, Miss M. Phillips; stand and dozen bottle pats, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hatcher, Brantford; perfume case, Miss J. McCallum; carving set, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hughes; pair vases, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wright; raw fruit dish and crumb tray, Mr. C. Hughes; crokinole board, Master Edward and Miss Lottie Mitchell; fruit set, Mr. and Mrs. W. Phillips; bed spread, Mr. and Mrs. R. Clifford; tea service, Mr. and Mrs. R. Howe; bed spread, Mr. and Mrs. Morris. The happy couple left amid showers of rice on the 7:42 p. m. train for Chatham and other parts west. We extend to them our best wishes for future happiness and prosperity.

WILSON'S CORNERS.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Nancekivell, of Burgessville, paid a flying visit to the parental roof of the former Xmas evening. Mr. Wm. Nancekivell, of Hickson, spent Xmas at home. Mr. Patrick O'Meara, who has been spending the holiday season at home, returned to Chicago Monday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Nancekivell and son, spent New Year in Toronto, visiting Mrs. Nancekivell's sister, Mrs. Collins. The annual school meeting took place in the school house on Wednesday, Dec. 30th. Mr. Thos. Nancekivell, who was the retiring trustee, resigned his position, and Mr. Foster Wilson was elected in his place. At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Nancekivell, who has acted as trustee for the past fifteen years, performing his duties faithfully and to the best interest of the section. A most enjoyable time was spent at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson on New Year's evening, by a large number of both young and old people of the neighborhood. After doing justice to a most magnificent tea, the guests returned to the drawing room where the rest of the evening until a very late hour was spent in all kinds of games, music, &c. Both host and hostess spared no pains to make this a long-to-be-remembered evening.

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GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

Lord Dufferin Accepts Presidency of a Movement for a Cable Celebration.

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BRITISH CONSUL AT NEW YORK.

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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Gathered From the Boiled Down Telegraphs.

Yesterday of the late that the Canada Legislature will hold its annual session on Monday next.

AFTER A MURDERER.

Several are on the sick list. R. S. Thornton's hair turned gray on Monday. He is grandpa. Election passed off very quietly on Monday. In spite of the disagreeable weather and the bad condition of the roads, a large vote was polled. Rice has been engaged to make cheese for the coming season. He will do it justice. Sweaborg joins in wishing the daily edition of the CHRONICLE every success.

NORTH OXFORD.

Mr. Jas. Sutherland entertained his many friends and neighbors on Wednesday evening, 30th December. Among friends from a distance were Messrs. Geo. Sutherland and Chas. Lang, of Toronto Varisty; Miss Donaldson, of Tilsonburg, and her sister from Rochester. Guests began to pour in at 8 p. m. and stripped the light fantastic till the wee hours. Excellent music was furnished by the Currie Bros. of Westminster.

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