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### CHAMBERLAIN LEADER OF THE COALITION

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### FARMER BLOC ALL POWERFUL

#### This Class, Many Near Bankruptcy, Want Higher Duties on Agriculture Products.

### BATTLE FOR AND AGAINST SHIP CANAL PROJECT

#### Governors of Kansas and New York Debate Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Scheme.

### SECTIONALISM CRY BROUGHT INTO DEBATE

#### Governor Miller of New York Has Little Faith in Joint Commission's Report.

Washington, March 1.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, today, in private consultation with President Harding, following his interview yesterday with Acting Secretary of State Fletcher. The visit of the Canadian Minister aroused much interest in political circles here, and there is a great deal of speculation as to the possible outcome of the Department of State, rather than the object of Mr. Fielding's visit, and Mr. Fielding himself has refused to make any statement. From unofficial sources, however, it is learned that the possibility of an arrangement of reciprocal free trade in certain commodities, at some future time, has been discussed during the conference, together with the effect of prospective tariff legislation.

### Wants Flexible Tariff

There is a feeling that Mr. Fielding's visit, though it is unlikely to result in any immediate steps toward reciprocity, will have the effect of bringing about a better understanding between the two Governments in regard to tariff matters. While the reciprocity act of 1911 is still on the United States statute books, it is generally recognized here that, because of changed conditions, it is practically a dead letter. The Harding administration is understood to be favorable to a reciprocity treaty between the two countries, but a reciprocal arrangement, it is said, must wait on the enactment of the new tariff measure now pending in Congress. This measure is unlikely to be passed for months, and there is some uncertainty as to whether it can be enacted until after the November elections.

### Fielding Silent

Mr. Fielding continued his silence after his call at the White House. "I cannot be interviewed," Mr. Fielding said to the hopeful reporters who had thronged after him through the snowfall to find out about his business with the President. "I can't be quoted," he added, "don't wish to be discourteous, but if you quote me as saying it is a bad day, even, I'll deny it."

### FREDERICTON HAD ANOTHER FIRE

#### Calder Building, Corner of Westmorland and Queen Streets, Considerably Damaged.

Fredricton, N. B., March 1.—The brick building, corner of Westmorland and Queen Streets, was considerably damaged by fire tonight. The flames got in the studding and flooring and gave the firemen a long fight. The building contains stores occupied by Farmers Co-Operative Company, W. M. Minto, Electricians, and W. R. Dunbar, Baker, the upper store by Mrs. T. G. Saunders, as a hotel and J. Mal Chappel as a residence. All tenants sustained damage by smoke, and there also was water damage to premises occupied by Mrs. Saunders, Farmers Co-Operative Store and Mr. Minto. The building was one of the properties owned by Calder, Esq. Calder, now in Los Angeles.

### KILLED IN CHAFFING

#### Shedrook, Que., March 1.—Aldred Paré, of Lake Mégantic, was killed early this morning when he was caught in the chaffing of a mill. He saved a wife and seven children.