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TWELFTH YEAR. THE POLITICAL SENSATION.

PREPARING THE WAY FOR MERCIER'S SUCCESSOR.

Mr. Laurier's Efforts to Induce Mercier to Resign Have Not Liked to Be Successful.

MONTEAL, Jan. 21.—The Mercier situation is not particularly unchanged from yesterday.

In Paris this morning came out with a very cautious editorial, intimating in thinly veiled language that the Liberal party in Quebec would have to depose the ex-

Club National, formerly a staunch friend of Mercier, is divided in its councils and half the members have broken away from the boodlers.

Mercier spoke this morning in Maricville against Beaudin and Talbot, but his defence failed to give satisfaction, even to his strongest supporters.

It is not thought of particular importance to the present contest was the fact that Laurier will take in the fight.

The British element all over the province irrespective of creed are arrayed against Mercier and the revolutionists of whom he is notably weakening him day after day with his own countrymen.

As for the church, the clergy, who were it has shown its hand it has been against the countenance the Day of Chateaux.

In Laurier's day Mr. Boyce, formerly Mercier's member for Laprairie, declared himself at the nomination against his old leader.

He was prominently accepted by the Conservative party and will run for the local seat at the next election.

The Commission has adjourned until Thursday next week.

An Interesting Document. This is the copy of the advice note transmitted to the Hon. J. A. Macdonnell, M.P., on Jan. 20, 1912.

DEAR SIR.—I give you notice to place to the credit of the Hon. J. A. Macdonnell, M.P., the sum of \$25,000.

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ENGLAND AND HER SONS.

Imperial Federalists Agree to Differ. They are Resolute and Elect Officers for the Year.

The annual meeting of the Toronto Branch of the Imperial Federation League was held last evening in the Y.M.C.A. library.

The first item of business was the presentation of the annual report. It stated that the amount of literature distributed has been very large.

One thousand copies of Principal Grant's lecture on the advantages of Imperial Federation, delivered in the early portion of the year, were printed and distributed at the last of the year.

Five hundred copies of the branch books were also printed for distribution among the members.

The report referred to the visit of Mr. John Lewis, London, Eng., to Canada, and stated that since his return to the former city he had proven a strong advocate in favor of emigration to the Dominion.

He had, it is mentioned, promised to speak in public regarding the advantages of Canada. The membership of the league on the first of January last amounted to 736.

Of this number being women. The mortality list for the year contained the names of Sir Adam Wilson, James Lyden, W. A. Murray, Judge Miller and Douglas MacLachlan.

As a result of the report, a resolution was adopted, showing a balance in favor of the league of \$22,500. It was also noted at this juncture by the secretary.

A Resolved Point. Incorporated in the annual report was a resolution adopted at a meeting of the Toronto branch of the Imperial Federation League.

The resolution, which was adopted, expressed the pleasure those present felt at having been permitted to discuss the subject of Imperial Federation.

Before the report was adopted, considerable discussion took place on the subject. The chairman moved its reception.

In doing so he said that the league's members had every cause to be encouraged.

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BOARD OF TRADE ELECTIONS.

SHARP WAS THE RIVALRY BUT FRIENDLY THE SPIRIT.

Interest Was Centered on the Second Vice-Presidency, which Fell to Mr. Mercer.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade was held yesterday afternoon. In importance it was scarcely second to the municipal elections.

To a majority of the members it was held in the room of the Board of Trade. Admission to the oratory was by ticket only.

It would have been utterly impossible for the structure to contain a hundredth part of the vast crowd who were desirous of paying a last token of respect to the dead.

Notwithstanding the miserable weather conditions prevailing, the city being packed with people, the oratory was held in the vicinity of the oratory at an early hour.

It was composed largely of working-men, and the speaker, Mr. Mercer, was well received.

He was heard to the "poor" people in the crowd were heard to exclaim. Hundreds of times was this repeated through the oratory.

At 5 o'clock this morning matins and other services for the dead were held in the oratory, where the body lay in state.

When the solemn Mass of Requiem was commenced, the oratory was filled with people, and the speaker, Mr. Mercer, was well received.

The Queen and Prince and Princess of Wales were represented by high members of their households. All the ambassadors of foreign powers were present.

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ANOTHER TIFLIS HORROR.

Petroleum Train Collides With Terrible Loss of Life—The Birmingham Bomb-Throwers Make a Confession.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.—Two trains loaded with petroleum collided on the Trans-Caucasian Railway at Tiflis today. A number of persons were killed.

The petroleum ignited after the collision and everything was consumed. Six charred bodies have already been found.

"BE WAS GOOD TO THE POOR." Said the People Who Watched Cardinal Manning's Funeral.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—The funeral services over the remains of Cardinal Manning were held in the Birmingham Cathedral today.

Admission to the oratory was by ticket only. It would have been utterly impossible for the structure to contain a hundredth part of the vast crowd who were desirous of paying a last token of respect to the dead.

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A PRANOM CREW HAD A CANADIAN FLYING DUTCHMAN WITH ALL SAILS SET.

New York, Jan. 21.—The Italian bark Colombo D., which arrived yesterday from the Mediterranean, brought in a story which is a mystery of the sea.

When she was about 150 miles west of the Straits a vessel was sighted drifting about aimlessly, with all her sails set.

The Colombo D. did not board the vessel, as night came on soon after she had been sighted, and the Italian vessel stood on its course.

It is possible that all the crew of the Hatching Brothers may have died of yellow fever and that the bodies of those who died last are still aboard her.

She is a bark of 497 tons and is owned by Hatching Brothers.

Ship on Fire. London, Jan. 21.—The British steamer City of Dundee, which arrived at Liverpool on Jan. 21, reports that on Jan. 11, in latitude 44 degrees north, longitude 43 degrees west, the sighted vessel was apparently a large vessel burning fiercely.

At the time the City of Dundee saw the vessel she was burning almost to the top of the masts. The vessel was in the vicinity of the burning vessel, but she did not board her.

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MUST KEEP THE SABBATH.

AN ASSOCIATION TO LOOK AFTER THE SABBATH.

A Short of Triumph Over Ten Thousand Ratepayers. The Sabbatarians Will Now Be on the Alert—But What About the Ministers?—Couples 7-They Who Have Put Down.

Flushed with their 400 majority, the opponents of Sunday cars do not intend to let the matter rest. Freed from the necessities of the struggle, they can now be careful to the voters they admit to their platform; last night their orators were in point of temper a great improvement upon the orators who thundered from the recent platform.

Still it was a dreary meeting. The hundred speakers were strung out from the platform to the door, and even Dr. J. G. Grant, the most prominent of some opponent to convince could elicit no response. It was of course an orthodox meeting. The audience was not supposed to stand up in protest, and they were not.

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TELEGRAPHIC CONTRACTS.

A Canadian Court Declares Them to be Contrary to Public Policy.

MONTEAL, Jan. 21.—The Court of Appeals has given its opinion declaring illegal the contract which the Northwestern Telegraph Company printed on the blanks which it furnishes.

Lionel Laurence received a despatch from an employe which, by an error in transmission, made him take an unnecessary trip from New York to Montreal. He sued the telegraph company for \$200 damages.

The court awarded \$30. The company appealed and set up the plea that the despatch was sent under a contract which declared that it would not be liable for damages resulting from errors unless the despatch was repeated, and then only to the amount of fifty times the price paid for the message.

Such a contract the court declared to be contrary to public policy, and any contract by which a party sought to fix the punishment for his fault was illegal. The judgment was confirmed.

DIED FEMALE. The Wretched Mrs. of Mrs. Howe, the "Queen of the Quiet Sabbath," died yesterday.

Boston, Jan. 21.—Mrs. Sarah E. Howe, notorious as the founder of "The Woman's Club," died today, from pneumonia, at the age of 65. She had been in the hospital for some time.

She received \$2 a month from the Government as a soldier's widow. This was not sufficient to support her, and she sold out her home and moved to a boarding house. Of late she had been taking in from \$1.50 to \$2.50 a day in this way, and this kept her in food and clothing.

She talked incessantly, and not often, about the woman's bank swindle. "It was not I," she said always. "I did not swindle. It was my husband's brother's wife."

GREAT LOSS OF LIFE FEARED. Surgical Institute of Indianapolis on Fire—Hundreds of Cripples Endangered.

Indianapolis, Jan. 21.—The Surgical Institute of Indianapolis, a building of cripples under treatment, is burning. The inmates are screaming for help and fear of life is feared.

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BUFFALO MALSTERS GROOM.

THEY WANT THE BARLEY TARIFF REDUCED TO 10 CENTS.

The McKinley Tariff of 30 Cents Per Bushel on Canadian Barley Has Almost Starved Them and They Intend to Have It Reduced or Know the Reason Why.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Jan. 21.—The malsters of this city say they have been nearly ruined by the McKinley duty of 30 cents a bushel on Canadian barley.

The Merchants' Exchange to-day adopted resolutions asking Congress to reduce the duty on Canadian barley to 10 cents a bushel.

Mr. John B. Manning, one of the largest malsters in the country, was the first speaker. He said that it was a mistake idea that the value of Canadian barley has any influence at all on the value of barley in United States markets.

Mr. John Otto read an article from The New York Times, which declared that the nation must come to a decision on this subject of Prof. Goldwin Smith's "Canadian Decline" article, which says that the duty on Canadian barley is too high and that it is to be reduced.

The way to accomplish that, in his judgment, is to ask Congress to reduce the duty on Canadian barley to 10 cents a bushel. He said that it will not be very long before barley will come to this country.

"We are waiting," said Mr. Kennedy, "until the United States Congress can do it. We will have a long time to wait. Barley will be sold in this country, and it will be sold in this country, and it will be sold in this country."

W. W. Sloan, one of the most prominent malsters in the country, said that he has 3