False Creek Bargain

Kelly and Burnett Offer to Transfer Lease to Vancouver Council.

No Fine Provided for Having Grouse Unlawfully in Possession.

Ball Tossers to Visit Whatcom With an American Team.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, May 14.—Messrs. Kelly and Burnett, who had an order-in-council passed in Ottawa granting them 30 acres of the False Creek flats, have written a letter to the council in view of the opposition of that body to their scheme, agreeing to transfer all their rights in the premises, they paying expenses to date, if the council will agree to carry out the terms of the lease.

Isaac Fader, a butcher of Davie street, dropped dead behind his counter from heart disease this morning. Mr. Fader leaves a widow and four children.

The Assize court is in session. The first case tried was that of Nelson, charged with rape, the plaintiff being wife of defendant. The jury returned a verdict of attempted rape. Justice Drake reserved imposition of penalty. Nelson, jr., was arrested on leaving the court for non-support of his wife.

The Crown has withdrawn the murder charge against the Indian Johnny Hill, accused of killing W. Hussey, but will go on into the case of attempted murder of Card.

In the case of Rex vs. Lauder, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty.

A reunion of the festival chorus will take place on Tuesday evening in O'Brien's Hall.

Mr. Oswald Steele, of Fairhaven, Wash., is developing quartz mines on Gribble Island, B. C., some 400 miles North. The ledge of the property runs for two and a half miles, traceable on the surface, and is 25 feet wide. One assay returns 54 per cent. copper and 14 ounces of silver. All the ledge is well mineralized as far as examined.

The Burrard Inlet Flume & Boom Company are asking permission to drive piles at the mouth of the Capilano river for a stationary boom.

The steamer Princess May got away last night at midnight.

M. Welsh, of Welsh & Nightengale, grocers, was yesterday summoned for having grouse unlawfully in his possession. An Indian swore that Mr. Welsh engaged him to shoot the birds and to tell enquiring people after they were boxed up that they were fish. Mr. Welsh denied the story on oath. Although admitting he sometimes sold grouse as "owls." The Police Magistrate remarked on the strange fact that there was no penality in the code under which the case was tried. He, however, caused the birds to be confiscated. This was a decision that was funny in its results, as the birds had not yet been paid for, and really belonged to the Indian, who was subsequently fined $10 for shooting them.

The Vancouver baseball team play Whatcom on Friday next. The Vancouver aggregation is now complete. Walter Miller is the only Canadian on the team. The others were hired on the Sound.

The B. C. Electric railway officials are subscribing towards a fund to make up a sum which will in a measure relieve the financial obligations of the clerk, who lost a package on the way from the bank to the office containing $1,000. The package was evidently picked up by a dishonest person, for although it was well advertised, and a large reward offered, it was not returned.

The union labor men held a demonstration last night in the shape of a torch light procession. The procession was a very long one, and contained numerous illuminations with inscriptions printed thereon which were decidedly anti-C. P. R. A meeting was held in the City Hall subsequently, at which several speakers addressed the large crowd present.

Word has been received from Victoria that a number of fast riders will be here to compete in the bicycle races held here on the 24th of May.

RICH STRIKE AT ATHABASCA

Report That New Lead Carrying High Values Has Been Struck.

Nelson, May 13.—A rich strike has been made at Athabasca-Venus mine, on the mountain near Nelson. While the tunnel was being driven into the lead a new vein was entered about 300 feet in. Development work so far done on it gives good evidence that the lead is permanent, and a number of assays taken show that it runs very high in gold. No particulars have been given out as yet by the management as to exact size or value of the lead, but it is known to be very good.

MARCONI TELEGRAPH CO.

Provision Made For Supply of Capital to Organize.

New York, May 14—Eugene H. Lewis, chairman of the Finance committee of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America, announced today that arrangements had been completed for providing the Marconi Wireless Company of America with working capital, not less than a guaranteed amount of $250,000, and in some contingencies, reaching the sums of about $450,000. The plan includes a privilege to stockholders to exchange their shares of stock for certificates of deposit of the par value of $5 each, which certificates of deposit will be placed upon the market in lieu of shares of company.

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EASY MONEY.

Berlin, May 13.—Dr. Schlamp, the wine grower of Uierstein, who has been on trial at Mayence, charged with wholesale adulteration of his products, was today sentenced to pay a fine of $375 or undergo 300 days' imprisonment.

GERMAN ARBITRATOR.

Berlin, May 13.—The Neuest Nachrichten says it learns that Germany's member of the Venezuelan arbitration commission will be Herr Goetzch, now attached to the German legation at Caracas. The bost of the blockade of the Venezuelan coast has reached almost $340,000.

SHORT AND SWEET.

Governor of Victoria Makes Record Speech From the Throne.

Melbourne, Victoria, May 13.—Parliament met this afternoon. The Governor's speech was the shortest on record, he merely announced that parliament had been summoned to pass a measure dealing with the railroad strike.

OLDEST INHABITANT DEAD.

Ohioan Aged 110 Years Dies, Leaving Widow 106 Years.

Upper Sandusky, O., May 13.—Peters Stansley died here yesterday, aged 110 years, after an illness of seven weeks. He is survived by a widow aged 106 years, to whom he had been married 85 years. He was the oldest man in Ohio.

Lord Minto Visits Detroit

Governor-General and Party the Honored Guests of an American City.

Enthusiastically Cheered While Escorted Through the Streets.

Detroit, Mich., May 14.—For two hours this evening Lord Minto, Governor-General of Canada, Lady Minto and Lady Eileen Elliott, their daughter, accompanied by Major Maude and Captain Graham, the Governor-General's aides de camp, were the guests of the city of Detroit. Thousands of people enthusiastically cheered the Governor-General and his party as they drove through the streets to the Russell House, where a reception was held, at the close of which the distinguished visitors were tendered a luncheon. When Lord Minto and his party arrived in Windsor, they were met by Mayor Maybury and a reception committee from Detroit, Arriving in Detroit by yacht, they were escorted by four companies of the First United States infantry and seven companies of militia, also two divisions of the Michigan naval reserves, in a drive through the city. Hundreds of American and British flags decorated the buildings along the route traversed, and thousands of citizens cheered Lord Minto. After the luncheon the Canadian visitors again drove to the ferry and boarded the yacht for the return trip to Canada.

OPPOSED TO THE ANTI-CHINESE LAWS

Eastern Synods Invoke Golden Rule in Treatment of Mongolians.

Toronto, May 14.—At today's meetings of the Toronto and Kingston synod here, and Montreal and Ottawa synod at Smith's Falls, resolutions were passed on the anti-Chinese legislation. At the Toronto meetings, Rev. Dr. McLaren proposed the following resolution of the special committee on the subject: This synod expresses its appreciation of the encouragement which has attended Christian work among the Chinese in Canada; that the synod expresses its concern lest national dishonor come to our Dominion through such anti-Chinese legislation as violates the "golden rule," and subordinates moral and spiritual to merely commercial considerations; that while recognizing the difficulties arising from local conditions in certain sections, and from applications of necessary restrictive legislation, the synod would emphasize the importance of giving due recognition to the law of Christian love and of the rights of all men to the benefits of Christian civilization. This was seconded by the Rev. A. B. Winchester and unanimously adopted.

REPORT DENIED.

Paris, May 14.—The report published by a news agency in the United States today that an attempt was made to derail President Loubet's train near Montereau, is untrue.

THE AUTOMOBILE RACERS.

Paris, May 14.—The contestants in the tourist class are moving leisurely, and the first day's journey was completed without incident. The contest is merely a touring excursion for the purpose of testing the endurance and comfort of the machines rather than their speed.

MORE PETS FOR HON. MR. SIFTON

German Ex-Convicts May Join Doukobors and Freak Settlers.

Montreal, May 14.—The Star's London cable says: "The British government is expected to compromise on the cereal duties question by repealing the duty on grain, but retaining it on flour.

"A Berlin telegram to the Daily Mail indicates that the Berlin society for the reformation of discharged prisoners, of which Herr Baillin, head of the Hamburg-American line, is a prominent member, have decided to subscribe $125 to $150 per head to assist ex-convicts to emigrate for a six months' trial. The United States being barred against the immigration of criminals, Canada is especially favored by the society as the dumping ground."

WINDSOR COLLECTOR DEAD.

Windsor, May 14.—Collector of Customs Wm. McGregor, died at his home here this afternoon in his 68th year. He was Liberal member for Essex, for four terms.

SCORES OF USES.

homes as a cure for chilblains, chafing, While Dr. Chase's Ointment is best known on account of its wonderful control over eczema, salt rheum and piles, it is found to be in almost daily demand in many pimples, sunburn, burns, scalds, and each and every form of itching, irritated or inflamed skin. It is invaluable in every home and as a soothing and healing application knows no equal.

"DON'T WORRY, GENTLEMEN, I'M ONLY SCRATCHING HIS MAP A LITTLE."

From Portland Oregonian.

AGREEMENT REACHED.

Chicago, May 14.—The Deering plant of the International Harvester Company which has been closed ten days by a strike, will resume operations tomorrow, an agreement between the employees and the company having been reached tonight.

NEEDED AMENDMENTS.

Government to Be Asked to Deal With Wife Beaters.

Montreal, May 14.—The Society for the Protection of Women and Children today decided to petition the government to amend the criminal law so that any man convicted for the second time of wife beating, may be sentenced to be whipped, and also to empower constables to enter houses whenever a woman is being assaulted, and arrest the person so charged upon complaint of an eye-witness.

INTERNATIONAL MACHINISTS.

Give One Year's Notice of Demand For 8-Hour Day.

Milwaukee, May 14.—The International Association of Machinists in convention here today, voted to demand on May 1, 1904, a straight 8-hour day in all contract shops under the jurisdiction of the association. This does not apply to railroad machinists. They will demand a nine hour day. The question of wages was left to the executive committee. James O'Connell was re-elected president.

Stringent Law For Strikers

Australian House Enacts Severe Measure Dealing With Labor Troubles.

Quitting Work Without Notice Subject to a Fine of $500.

Melbourne, May 14.—In the legislative assembly today, Premier Irvine made a speech on the subject of the strike. He said the country faced a long meditated revolt against established authority. The issue concerned every country. The strike had thrown the state into confusion, and it would be a fight to a finish.

The Premier then moved the second reading of a bill providing for the suppression of strikes. The bill is not retrospective, and will remain in force after the termination of the strike. It provides that an employee leaving his work without giving four days' notice is to be assumed to have joined the strike, and will incur the penalty of $500 fine or a year's imprisonment with loss of pension, and will be ineligible in the future for government employ. The bill forbids interference with employees, the collection of strike funds or encouraging the strike in any manner. The bill further empowers the police to destroy documents encouraging the strikers, making printers thereof offenders against the law, and declaring a meeting to be unlawful if four strikers are present. All persons refusing to disperse are liable to arrest without warrants, and the police are empowered to forcibly enter meetings. An amendment expressing regret at the strike and promising that parliament would consider the grievances of the railroad men if they returned to work, was defeated by 49 to 50 votes.

MORMONS BARRED.

New York Refuses Permits For Saints to Preach on Streets.

New York, May 14.—Mayor Low has stopped the practising of Mormonism on the streets of the city. All permits formerly issued to Mormon elders to preach in the streets have been revoked, and no more will be issued. Several months ago a number of Mormons came to the city and obtained such permits. The elders were not known as Mormons when they obtained the permits, but a short time ago someone complained to the Mayor against the preaching of Mormonism in the streets. An investigation was made, and the permits revoked.

Improvements At Rossland

New Machinery and Increased Works the Order of the Day.

Comprehensive Plans Prepared for the Development of Le Roi Mine.

Rossland, May 14.—The White Bear mine is asking for tenders for a 20-drill compressor and 105 horse power winding plant. The machinery is to be delivered and set up this summer at the works to be constructed at the mine. A siding is surveyed from the Canadian Pacific main line to the mine, and work is to be started thereon at an early date.

The Spitzee company has purchased a five-drill Rand compressor to be installed forthwith. They are also ordering a winding plant capable of going to the 500-foot level.

The Green Mountain mine is doubling its boiler capacity and installing a hoist to go to the 1,000-foot level, the machinery to be installed by June 1, and main shaft carried down to the 600-foot level without further delay.

The foregoing is regarded as a most significant sign of greatly increased activity in the camp this summer.

Anthony J. McMillan, managing director of Le Roi Company, left tonight for England on a two months' trip. He says a comprehensive plan of operations has been drawn up in connection with the Le Roi plant and smelter, but he is in duty bound to report same to the directors first. Asked as to the reported ore discovered in the diamond drill hole, 150 feet below the 1,350-foot level, Mr. McMillan said he was not in a position to discuss the matter at present. The discovery leaked out through the alleged revelations of the diamond driller while partially intoxicated.

ST. JOHN'S IN LINE.

St. Johns, Nfld., May 14.—Following the recent example of the longshoremen of Montreal, the longshoremen of St. Johns tonight organized a strike for higher wages. Five hundred men are involved, and as a result several steamers are idle at the piers. There has been no rioting.

THE HIBERNIANS MAKE STATEMENT

Head of the Order Approves of of New Irish Land Bill.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 14.—National President Dolan, of the Ancient Order of Hibernians tonight issued a statement on the Irish Land Bill, which will be published in the National Hibernian official organ of the Ancient Order of Hibernians this week. In part he says: We are favorable to any movement having for its aims and objects the advancement of Catholicity, and of Irishmen, either at home or abroad we are informed that the present Irish Land Bill will be beneficial to Irishmen at home, and that it is acceptable to the great majority of them, and meets the approval of Hierarchy clergy and Irishmen generally, as well as the Irish nation as declared in the Dublin convention, April 17, 1903. This being the case, our duty as Irishmen needs no explanation, the movement being acceptable to those most interested, the people of Ireland. Many of our members differ as to the methods, and have therefore allied themselves with either one or the other of two organizations, both of which are separated and distinct, and have no connection with our society; we believe such contending organizations should settle their differences outside of our ranks and not disturb the peace and harmony now happily existing in the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

STRIKE OF GAS.

St. Catharines, May 14.—An immense strike of gas is reported at Wingor, a small hamlet twenty miles from here.

C. P. R. STEAMSHIP MANAGER.

Montreal, May 14.—Official announcement was made today of the appointment of Arthur Piers as manager of the Canadian Pacific steamship lines. Mr. Piers jurisdiction merely extends to the Atlantic steamers.

NELSON ENDORSES.

Board of Trade Ratifies Demand for $15 Lead Bonus.

Nelson, B. C., May 14.—At a meeting of the Board of Trade tonight a resolution was passed unanimously endorsing the resolution of the citizens' meeting held last week, asking a bonus from the Dominion government of $15 per ton on lead.

LOUBET, JR.'S COMMUNION.

Paris, May 14.—The newspapers here give prominence to reports of the first communion of Emile Loubet, jr., son of the President of France, which he received in the Church of St. Phillippe du Roulo this morning. The President was not present, but Madame Loubet assisted at the usual religious ceremony. Some of the papers seek to attach significance to the President's absence, intimating that it was in connection with the suppression of the religious orders.

Mr Carnegie's Explanation

Has Warmest Feelings Imaginable For the People of Canada.

It is Mostly Scotch is Best Thing He Knows of the Dominion.

London, May 14.—A despatch received here today from Halifax, N. S., quotes Mayor Richardson of Sydney, N. S., as saying that the town council would return Andrew Carnegie's gife of $15,000 for a library in Sydney because of an interview in London with Mr. Carnegie in which he is alleged to have said that the iron and steel industry of Cape Breton was a "mirage." Mr. Carnegie said to a representative of the Associated Press today that he was very sorry if he said anything that hurt the feelings of his Canadian friends, as he has no desire to underrate Canada's efforts. He did not remember using the word "mirage," and said that it was wholly inapplicable. Mr. Carnegie knew they were making steel, or intended to make finished steel, in Nova Scota, and he had no doubt they would succeed. On the other hand, it was ridiculous to compare anything that five million people could do with what could be achieved by the seventy-eight millions in the United States, which was making more steel than the rest of the world. Continuing, Mr. Carnegie said he had the warmest feeling for Canada, and added, laughingly: "The best thing I know about Canada is that it is mostly Scotch."

Montreal, May 14.—The Star's London cable says: Andrew Carnegie is evidently being found out by the British press, which hitherto seemed to regard him as a kind of beneficent fairy queen. His wanton attack on Canada finds no sympathizers here, while even Scottish papers reproduce the Outlook's onslaught made upon what is called: "The bastard individualism of his Pittsburg carrot-bonus philanthropy." The Canadian Gazette in an article entitled "Carnegie Vinegar," shows that Carnegie is ignorant of even the elementary facts of Canada's present position, and prays that Canada may ever be delivered from Carnegie's benefactions.

EARLY MORNING FIRE.

Little Rock, Ark., May 13.—Early this morning fire destroyed half the business district of the town of Austin, loss $65,000.

FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

Romaine Gets Four Years at Kingston and McGrain Eight.

Toronto, May 14.—Romaine, the negro who killed Louis Goldsmith, his partner, was sentenced to four years in the Kingston penitentiary this morning. McGrain, who stabbed his companion, Williams to death, was sentenced to eight years in the penitentiary.

A FOOLISH WAR.

Retail Grocers Object to Demonstrations in Departmental Stores.

Milwaukee, May 14.—A commercial war which it is said will extend throughout the country, was started by the Retail Grocers' Association of this city against manufacturers who allow their goods to be sold or demonstrated in departmental stores. The national organization will be asked to assist.

TEUTON AND FRANK.

Prince Henry's Squadron Exchanges Courtesies With French Fleet.

Brest, May 14.—The German squadron, commanded by Admiral Prince Henry of Prussia, arrived off this port today at the same time that the French Northern squadron entered. As this was the first visit of German warships to French waters in years, the appearance of Prince Henry's squadron caused much commotion and comment. Salutes and visits were exchanged. Prince Henry's squadron came from Kiel and is on its way to Spain and Portugal.

Roosevelt At San Francisco

President Dedicates Memorial to Dewey's Victory and Visits University.

Chief Magistrate Defines United States' Position on the Pacific.

San Francisco, May 14.—President Roosevelt today participated in the dedication of the monument erected in commemoration of Dewey's victory at Manila. The President was escorted from the hotel to Union Square by United States marines. On the speaker's stand with him were officers of the American ships in the harbor, and of H. M. S. Grafton, flagship of the British Pacific squadron.

After the presentation of the monument, President Roosevelt made a speech in which he said San Francisco should glory in commemorating the navy's victory at Manila, as it had opened the Pacific ocean to American commerce, and more than any other event had contributed towards giving the United States a high place among the naval powers. Since the last war, the naval strength of the United States had rapidly been increasing, and under the wise provisions of the last congress was particularly advanced. He urged practical work at sea, particularly in marksmanship.

The following is an abstract of President Roosevelt's speech at the Mechanics' Pavilion:

"Before I saw the Pacific Slope, I was an expansionist, and after seeing it, I fail to understand how any man, confident of his country's greatness and glad that his country should challenge with proud confidence our mighty future, can be anything but an expansionist. America's geographical position on the Pacific is such as to insure our peaceful dominion of its waters in the future, if only we grasp with sufficient resolution the advantages of this position. We are taking long strides in this direction; witness the cables we are laying and the great steamship lines we are starting.

"We have taken the first steps toward digging an Isthmian canal to be under our own control, a canal which will make our Atlantic and Pacific coast lines to all intents and purposes continuous, and will add immensely alike to our commercial and our military and naval strength.

"The inevitable march of events gave us the control of the Philippines at a time so opportune that it may without irreverence be held providential, unless we show ourselves weak, unless we show ourselves degenerate sons of the sires from whose loins we sprung, we must go on with the work that we have begun. I hope that this work will always be peaceful in character.

"We infinitely desire peace, and the surest way to obtain it is to show that we are not afraid of war. We should deal in a spirit of fairness and justice with all nations; we should show to the strongest that we are able to maintain our rights. Such showing cannot be made by bluster, for bluster merely invites contempt. Let us speak courteously, deal fairly and keep ourselves armed and ready. If we do these things, we can count on the peace that comes only to the just man armed—to the just man, who neither fears nor inflicts wrong."

The Presidential car went to Berkeley to take part in the commencement exercises at the University of California. Later the President visited Oakland.

TWENTY RIOTERS KILLED.

Santiago, May 14.—Rioting at Valparaiso continued today. Owing, however, to the strong repressive measures taken by the government, the outbreaks were less intense than yesterday. Martial law still prvails. Revised reports place the number of rioters killed at 20, the property damage is great and several buildings were burned at Esplanade and destroyed.

COLONIAL AID FOR THE NAVY

Royal Colonial Institute Speakers Favor Combination For Imperial Defence.

Montreal, May 14.—The Witness' London cable says: "Major Harold Parsons, chief ordnance officer at Natal, read a paper before the Royal Colonial Institute last night, in which he held that the colonies should not expect to share the sea power of Great Britain until they were willing to assume a share of the burden in maintaining the British navy.

"Sir John Colomb, who followed, discussed the paper, and argued strongly in favor of the Mother Country and the Colonies combining for Imperial defence.

"Dr. Parkin, of Toronto, was given a great reception. He was strongly in favor of the Colonies contributing towards the cost of naval defence. His remarks were chiefly confined, however, to a comparison of the United States and the British Empire. In the former each state has its own government, yet acknowledged the government at Washington. A similar arrangement was suggested for the Colonies and the Motherland.

If there ever was a specific for any one complaint, then Carter's Little Liver Pills are a specific for sick headache, and every woman should know this. Only one pill a dose. Try them.

To Amend Fisheries Act

Purse Seines to be Permitted and Use of Traps by Proclamation.

Canada Will be Officially Represented at the St. Louis Fair.

Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., of Toronto, the New Chief Justice.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 14.—Hon. Mr. Prefontaine gives notice of a bill to amend the Fisheries' Act. It will authorize purse seining for salmon in British Columbia waters, and enable the government, by proclamation to permit the use of traps.

Hon. Mr. Fielding announced today that Canada will be officially represented at the St. Louis exposition.

A committee was appointed to endeavor to draft provisions for an electoral law to stop corruption.

A long discussion took place on the government's dry dock subsidy proposals increasing the payment to three per cent. for a period of 20 years, but not to exceed $30,000 per annum. Ransome remarked that with such assistance he had reason to believe that the Vancouver dry dock would be an actuality in the not distant future.

Mr. Borden and other members supported proposals. Then the House took up the resolutions to amend the Customs Act. A long discussion occurred on British preference, and the importation of foreign goods under it.

Scott, Assiniboia, provoked acrimonious scene by charging Hon. Mr. Blair with attempting to delude the people of the Northwest on the occasion of the Conservative tour last fall. Chairman MacDonald ruled Haggart out of order, and a lively scene followed. Disputants were eventually mollified by Hon. Mr. Fielding.

Representatives of the Toronto and Hamilton Board of Trade, and different railway companies in Canada, had a lengthy conference today with Hon. Messrs. Blair and Fitzpatrick on the subject of the bill now before parliament to create a railway commission. Several amendments were suggested, such as making the bill applicable to express companies, making the supplying of means of communication between cars of steam and electric freight trains compulsory; the right of the board to examine for discovery; control of demurrage; freight classifications; liability for loss and regulation of rates. After the legal side of the question was discussed the Board of Trade expressed its strong approval of the bill. The railway companies tonight endeavored to have the provisions for appeal from the decision of the board of railway commissioners enlarged.

A distinguished Toronto lawyer will succeed the late Judge Mills on the Supreme Court banch. At today's meeting of the cabinet, Wallace Nesbitt, K. C., was appointed to the vacant judicial position. The government's selection is warmly approved here, as it is recognized that Justice Nesbitt will undoubtedly be an acquisition to the highest court in the land.

SYDNEY SETS AN EXAMPLE

Spurns Carnegie's Gift as Protest Against Millionaire's Tirade.

Sydney, N. S., May 14.—In consequence of the remarks made by Andrew Carnegie about Canada, Sydney will immediately return Carnegie the $15,000 library gift.

THE LOST IS FOUND.

Halifax, May 13.—The schooner Laura, which left here in April for Louisburg for a cargo of coal for Yarmouth, and which had been given up for lost, has turned up at the Barbadoes, having been blown off.

REDUCTION OF NAVAL ARMAMENTS

Discussed in Commons and Government Advised to Take First Step.

London, May 14.—The question of the reduction of naval armaments came up again today in the course of a discussion of the naval estimates in the House of Commons. The speakers suggested that the government take the first step in proposing a reduction to other powers.

Sir Charles Dilke, Advanced Radical, said he thought this might be possible. In view of the improved relations between Great Britain and France those two nations might talk the matter over and subsequently approach Russia. Even the three powers might effect something. It was not necessary for Great Britain to build against the United States. It would be as great a mistake to count upon the United States as an enemy as to count on her as an active ally, for the United States had always been the great defender of the rights of neutrals.

Mr. Arnold Foster, the Admiralty secretary, after having pointed out that it will be the duty of the Admiralty to deal with facts as they were and not as they might be, said that all the great powers were increasing their maritime preparations, notably Russia. He denied that the Admiralty's proposals were in excess of the requirements of the country. The secretary added that he would not on that occasion express any view in regard to the position as affected by the United States. "That was a grave consideration which in future would have to be considered." The Admiralty's present duty was to give the nation a guarantee against attack and against defeat by any combination of the powers.

Sir Robert Reid, formerly attorney-general, suggested that the government endeavor to obtain an alteration of the laws of naval warfare, making food stuffs not contraband of war, and exempting personal property from capture. Such an agreement, he thought, would withdraw all temptation of the foreign nations to build strong navies.

CHURCHMAN DEAD.

Sarnie, May 13.—Rev. Dr. Thompson, for over 30 years pastor of St. Andrews' Presbyterian church, Sarnia, died here this evening at 10.15. He suffered an attack of heart failure in the morning, but attending physicians thought his condition somewhat improved, but very suddenly this evening he was stricken with a second attack and passed away almost immediately. He was 69 years of age. Mrs. Thompson, who survives, was the only child of the late Hon. Alex. Mackenzie.