

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S FISCAL POLICY

AN INTERVIEW WITH LORD STRATHCONA

Matter Will Be Put So Plainly Before the People That Colonial Secretary Must Succeed.

Montreal, Aug. 16.—Lord Strathcona reached the city this morning from London. "As I said in Toronto two or three years ago," said Lord Strathcona, "nothing will retard the progress of the Dominion so much as extreme provincialism and I now repeat that unity and solidarity of the Empire depends upon the growth of our loyalty to Canada as a whole."

So far he believed that most of the Unionist were with Mr. Chamberlain, and he thought it was a mistake to say that there were a great many people in England who would not hear of an inquiry. Neither had His Lordship any idea that the education question would overshadow all others as soon as the

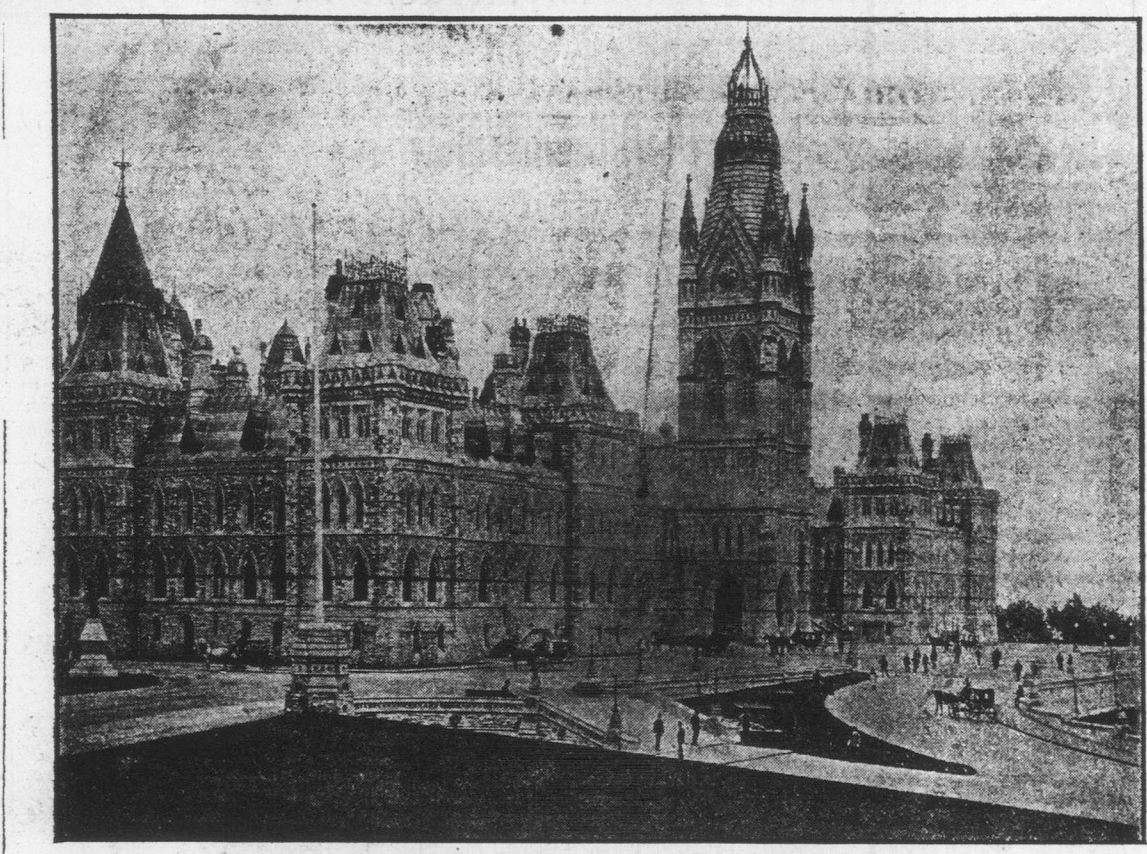
Danube. Miss Mellis, just out from a visit to Scotland, is staying here with Mr. and Mrs. Mellis. Capt. McNeill, of the Morris, the F.B.S. Co.'s tug, left for Victoria by the "Pees last week. Graham Chambers, foreman of the F. B.S. Co.'s cannery here, has been appointed a justice of the peace for a district. H. Newell, of Victoria, is a late arrival.

SERBIA'S KING Said to Be Virtually a Prisoner in Hands of Military Party.

London, Aug. 14.—The Daily Telegraph has a dispatch from Vienna which says that there is an unconfirmed report that King Peter of Serbia has threatened to abdicate, as he is virtually a prisoner in the hands of the military party.

WESTERN GRAIN YIELD. N. Bawlf Has Reassuring News Regarding Crops—Cutting May Commence in Two Weeks.

Winnipeg, Aug. 17.—Mr. N. Bawlf, president of the Northern Elevator Co., returned yesterday from a trip extending as far west as Edmonton, and the news that he brings concerning the crops is indeed most reassuring.



Dominion Parliament Buildings—Main Block.

SURPLUS IS OVER FOURTEEN MILLIONS

HOW THE REVENUE INCREASED LAST YEAR

Prediction Made by Finance Minister in Budget Speech is More Than Realized.

Ottawa, Aug. 17.—The Dominion department of finance has issued a financial statement for the year. The revenue was \$300,408,514, or nearly \$9,000,000 of an increase over the previous year.

Prof. Wm. Saunders, director of experimental farms, who is making his annual tour through the Canadian Northwest, has sent the following telegram to the deputy minister of agriculture from Brandon:

Major Edmond Herbert Hills, C.M.G., of the Royal Engineers, deputy assistant adjutant-general at the war office, has been appointed to examine the military surveys in Canada with a view to having them made strictly up to date.

SALMON ARE COMING. Unprecedented Run Reported From Carmanah—Indians Say it is Largest For Years.

Reports from Carmanah are to the effect that there are a great many salmon coming in, but not all are sockeyes, as they are taking the spoon. Further down the coast the Indians report an unprecedented run of sockeyes.

ROBBER ARRESTED. Man Who Assaulted Miss Marshall at Cloverdale and Stole Jewelry is in Custody.

New Westminster, Aug. 17.—Officer Calbeck yesterday brought into the city James Bull, perpetrator of the robbery at the Marshall residence in Cloverdale. Officer Calbeck, chanced to see a ring looking like one of the stolen articles on the hand of a woman on a train at Blaine and went aboard, accompanying the woman to Whatcom.

CUTTING WHEAT. Cardiff, N. W. T., Aug. 17.—Wheat cutting commenced to-day, and will be general the last of the week.

FINANCIERS HERE. Prominent Capitalists From Boston Visit Victoria—Out to Inspect Mining Properties.

Samuel Bernhardt, who represents the United States Investor, an industrial financial journal of Boston, with branch offices in New York and Philadelphia, accompanied by 20 other eastern financiers and their wives, arrived in the city last evening on route to the Sound. They were out West for the purpose of inspecting a number of mining properties in which they are interested, one of which is in the province.

To a Times representative this morning Mr. Bernhardt said the party left Boston a week ago and came West via Chicago and the Soo line and over the C. P. R. They are immensely delighted with the discipline of the army has been gravely shaken, and that a difficult task confronts King Peter unless he is able to get the upper hand of the military party by proceeding against the recent conspirators.

The purpose of the party, Mr. Bernhardt explained, was to inspect a number of mining properties which were being opened up principally in the state of Washington. Among these was the silver, gold and copper mine at Silverton, the Erick copper mine, the Slate Creek district gold property and others.

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BIBLE SOCIETY WORK.

Revs. Bernard Bryan and J. Gibson Occupied Pulpits at Local Churches. On Sunday evening Revs. Bernard Bryan and J. Gibson, representatives of the Upper Canada Bible Society, occupied the pulpits of the Centennial and Metropolitan Methodist churches respectively. These gentlemen are here for the purpose of giving the general public an idea of the aims and objects of the Bible Society. Their addresses were therefore along these lines.

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MISSING EXPLORER. Pears Are Entertained Regarding For Safety of Baron Toll.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 17.—The Imperial Academy of Science is beginning to entertain most seriously fears for the Polar explorer, Baron Toll, from whom nothing has been heard since he left the yacht Zaria on May 23rd, 1902, in company with two Yakouts and started for Bennett Island.

PERSONAL.

Ernest Neworthy, of Denver, Colo.; Wm. F. Bean, of Kansas City; Miss Heiser, of Minneapolis; and J. A. Karibury, E. Vail and G. Vail, of Vancouver, are among the guests at the Victoria hotel.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH. Result of Inquiry Into the Fort Street Fatality—Funeral of W. Bond.

The coroner's inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the death of William Bond, who fell off a Fort street car on Thursday night resulted in the return of a verdict of accidental death. No blame was attached to the driver of the car, and as soon as it receives the required endorsement the company will be ready to begin work on the foundation.

A PRESENTATION.

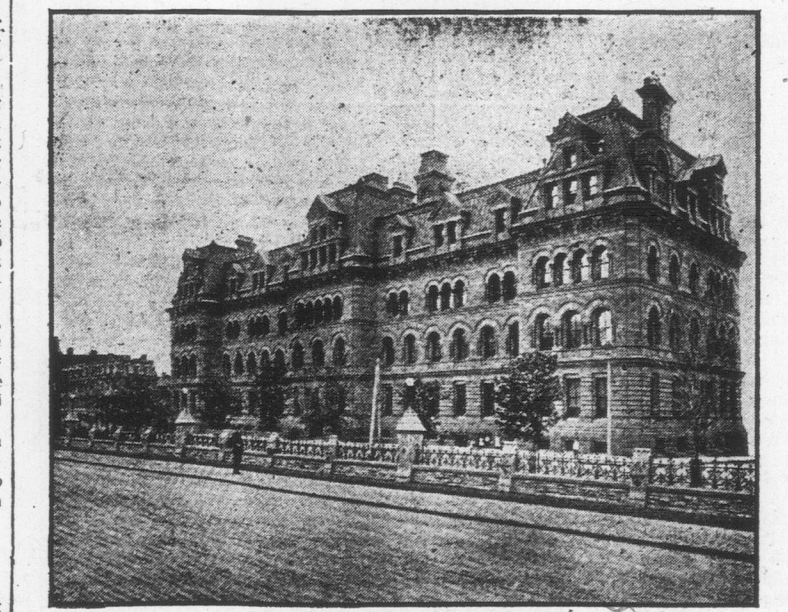
Ian St. Clair Receives Token of Esteem From School Children. Ian St. Clair, public school physical instructor, celebrated his birthday on Saturday. Those school children who have benefited from a course in the art of swimming during the summer months took advantage of the opportunity to show their appreciation of his efforts on their behalf.

SHIPPING RATES.

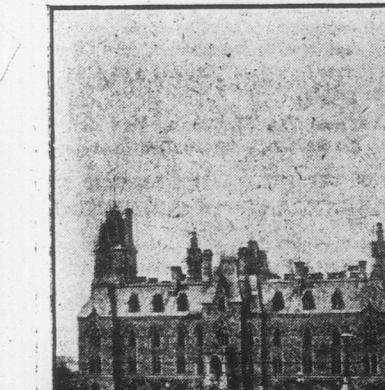
The monthly freight and shipping report issued by R. P. Rithet & Co., Ltd., for the month of July states that the higher price at which wheat is held has brought the grain freight market practically to a standstill, rates having a downward tendency all through the month.



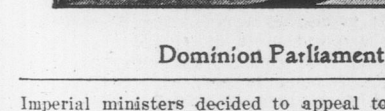
Dominion Parliament Buildings—East Block.



Dominion Parliament Buildings—Langevin Block.



Map of the Balkan region showing the borders of Serbia, Montenegro, and other countries.



Dominion Parliament Buildings—West Block.

Imperial ministers decided to appeal to the constituencies. As for the cabinet, Lord Strathcona said that it was generally understood that some of the ministers were already sympathetic with Mr. Chamberlain's lines of action, and so pronounced a free trader as Mr. Blische has given his adhesion to a full inquiry.

NEWS FROM NAAS HARBOR.

A Poor Fishing Season—New Cannery Well Equipped. (Special Correspondence of the Times.) Naas Harbor, Aug. 11.—The canning season in Naas river this year promises to be an unfortunate one both for canny men and fishermen. Humpbacks are the only fish that are really plentiful, and they are running up the river in millions.

PHYSICAL UNION.

of Publishing Association Strikes in State of Washington. Aug. 13.—Frederick Dristative of the Newspaper Association, addressed the International Typo-

INDS STARVING.

Aug. 13.—The desolating hurricane-stricken persons, thousands of persons, starving and ill-boding in the churches here. A meeting held today appealed, to the general public. Food is urgently needed.