THE FREE FOOD QUESTION

(Montreal Telegraph).

There are some features of the free food question that many Conservative writers either cannot or will not understand. Canada, as a whole, is a large exporter of foodstuffs. This being the case, some persons are ready to rush to the conclusion that Canada can have no desire to buy food from abroad, and that therefore the food duties are of no consequence. But Canada is an importer as well as an exporter of food. The United States is not the only country from which we can obtain food. On the Pacific coast we are actually importing large quantities of food from Australia and New Zealand and paying duties upon it. The South American countries and the West Indies are accessible. Even some European countries are within our reach at times of high prices. But by reason of proximity the United States is to many parts of Canada the most convenient market from which to obtain supplies in time of need. And this is the case notwithstanding the demand which there is in that country for our Canadian foodstuffs.

Canada and the United States are both large countries. There is a very long boundary line between them. Conditions are not the same all through the land on either side. It is quite conceivable that either country may on the same day be both an importer and an exporter of food. Woodstock (N. B.) may have a large surplus of potatoes. Some unthinking writers in that region may therefore ask—What's the use of talking about getting potatoes from the States when we have so many here? The question would be a fair one if all Canada were like Woodstock. But at the same moment there may be a potato famine at Calgary, Alberta. What then? Shall the Woodstock potatoes be sent out to Calgary? The operation would occupy many days and the cost of transportation would be out of all proportion to the value of the goods. It might easily be to the advantage of all concerned to import potatoes at Calgary from the neighboring United States and export Woodstock's potatoes to Boston or New York. In this way Canada would at the same moment be an importer and an exporter of food, to the advantage of all concerned.

Let us consider the question of the fish supply. Under ordinary conditions our lower provinces will rarely or never have to import fresh fish. We have the finest fisheries of the world. At nearly all times the fish markets near the sea will be well supplied by the local fishermen. As transportation systems are improved the advantages of these great fish supplies will extend further into our inland districts. But it is true nevertheless that there are portions of the dominion—and the great city of Montreal and the surrounding country is one of them—which are within easy reach of the chief American fish markets. There is no good reason why, at a time of food scarcity and high cost of living, the citizens of Canada should not have the right of purchasing supplies from those markets without being penalized by duties which are no longer needed for purposes of revenue. Free fish in Canada would do no injury to the lower province fishermen. They are no longer to be scared by any such cry. But free fish would at times give the hard-pressed consumer of this region a chance to get wholesome food without the burden of taxation now imposed.

OBITUARY

Miss Hazel MacLaren.

Friday, Jan. 23.

The death of Miss Hazel M. MacLaren, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. MacLaren, occurred yesterday morning at the home of her parents after a lengthy illness. She is survived by her parents, one brother, W. R. MacLaren of Grand Falls, and two sisters, Mrs. George C. Vaughan and Miss Sadie at home. The funeral will be held from her father's residence, 248 Guilford street, West St. John, on Sunday afternoon at half past two o'clock, the service commencing at two o'clock.

Miss Harriet Robinson.

Friday, Jan. 23.

Word was received yesterday by Mrs. Philip Grannan, Douglas avenue, telling of the death of her aunt, Miss Harriet Saulder Robinson, on Jan. 4, at Rusholm, Manchester, England. Miss Robinson is survived by one brother, John B. Robinson of Wright street, and by two sisters, Miss Robinson of J. P. Morgan Co., and Mrs. M. L. Hogan, of Douglas avenue. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery, Manchester.

Mrs. Charles Derry.

Hopewell Hill, Jan. 21—M. M. Tingley received a telegram today informing him of the death of his sister, Mrs. Bessie Derry, wife of Chas. Derry, which occurred at Lynn (Mass.) Death was due to cancer in the face. Mrs. Derry was about fifty-nine years of age, and was the youngest daughter of the late Josiah Tingley of this place. She had been residing in Lynn for quite a number of years. Besides her husband, two sons survive.

Mrs. William Alward.

Salisbury, N. B., Jan. 23—Mrs. William Alward, of Lewis Mountain, Salisbury, one of the oldest and most respected residents of the district, passed away on Thursday, the 22nd inst., after a long illness. She was about 84 years of age and is survived by her aged husband and grown-up family, several members of her family being residents of the United States. Abner and Stanley Alward, of this village, are sons of the deceased.

Mrs. Hart Murray.

Salisbury, N. B., Jan. 23—The death occurred at her home here on Thursday evening, the 22nd inst, of Mrs. Hart Murray, who had been suffering for some time with heart trouble. She is survived by her husband and quite a large family. Mr. and Mrs. Murray and family removed here from Petitcodiac only a few weeks ago.

The funeral will take place on Saturday; interment at the late Mrs. Murray's native place near Petitcodiac.

James Fairbanks.

Halifax, Jan. 23—James Fairbanks, proprietor of the Queen Hotel, died suddenly about 5 o'clock this morning. He took part in the curling at the South End rink last night and retired about midnight in apparent good health. An attack of apoplexy shortly before 5 ended fatally, almost immediately.

Grover Flemming.

Fredericton, Jan. 23—Premier Flemming left for Woodstock this morning owing to the death of Mrs. Flemming's only brother, Grover Flemming, which occurred at Debec, Carleton county, yesterday. The late Mr. Flemming had suffered from a throat affliction for some years and his death was not entirely unexpected. He was 42 years old and besides his wife, who was formerly a Miss Mills, of Benton, he is survived by two children. Three sisters, Mrs. J. K. Flemming, of Woodstock; Mrs. Gorden Neill, of Saskatoon, and Mrs. Craig, of Debec, also survive. The funeral will take place on Saturday.

Marion Blanch Maxwell.

Saturday, Jan. 24.

Miss Marion Blanche Maxwell, who entered the General Public Hospital last June to take up the study of nursing, died there yesterday afternoon after an illness of less than two weeks. She was the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Maxwell of West St. John, and was in the twentieth year of her age.

Miss Maxwell was graduated from the St. John High Schol and soon after began her training course in the hospital. She leaves besides her father and mother, five brothers and one sister. The brothers are William, Orangeville, (Ont), Joseph of Fairville, John Leonard, Clifford and Harold, all at home; and the sister is Mrs. Adams of this city. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon from St. George's Church, West St. John.

A. James McNeill.

News from Los Angeles of the death of A. James McNeill, formerly superintendent of Indian affairs at Calgary, was received yesterday by his sister, Mrs. Charles D. Jones, of this city. A son of the late John McNeill, of Charlottetown (P. E. I.), one time clerk of Prince Edward Island legislature and superintendent of education, Mr. McNeill who died yesterday morning at Calgary had an interesting career. On the original survey for the C. P. R. he traversed unbeaten territory, and in the Northwest Rebellion he was attached to the staff of General Middleton, taking part in the battle of Duck Lake. His wife, a daughter of Hon. Mr. McNutt, of P. E. Island, survives.

Horace E. Wannamaker.

The death occurred on Saturday at his late residence, 47 Elliott Row, of Horace Edward Wanamaker, aged four years, only son of Hartley S. and Ethel F. Wannamaker. The funeral will take place from the residence this afternoon at 2.45 o'clock.

Dr. Lemuel W. Fowler.

Dr. Lemuel W. Fowler, a well known Boston dentist who was a frequent visitor to New Brunswick, died on Friday morning at West Stoughton in the sixtieth year of his age. He was born in Queens county (N. B.), and was graduated from the provincial normal school at Fredericton, being for some time a teacher in the public schools. After graduating at Boston Dental College he engaged in the practice of his profession in Boston. Dr. Fowler is survived by his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Allen McDaniel, of North Dakota, and two sons, Dr. Miles H. Fowler, of Tremont street, Boston, and Trueman S. Fowler, of Hiram (Me.)

Walter Patterson.

After a brief illness at his home, 18 Brindley street, Walter Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Patterson, of City Road, passed away suddenly. He leaves his mother and father, four brothers and two sisters, his wife and three small children. The brothers are Harry of New London, Conn.; Charles, Isaac and Gordon of this city. The sisters are Mrs. Raymond Carson of St. Martins and Carrie, at home. The funeral will be from the residence of George A. Blair, 18 Brindley street, this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

J. Grant Mowry.

The death occurred on Saturday night of J. Grant Mowry, of 38 St. James street, after a lingering illness. Mr. Mowry, who conducted a barber shop in Prince William street, was taken from his work two weeks before he died, to the River Glade sanitarium. He was brought home on Saturday evening and sank down dead soon after taking off his overcoat in his home. Besides his mother, Mr. Mowry leaves one brother, Thomas, who is a clerk at the Royal Hotel. The late Mr. Mowry was twenty-three years of age. The funeral will take place from his home tomorrow, the service to be held at 2.30 p.m.

Mrs. Eliza Winter.

Mrs. Eliza Winter, widow of the late Samuel Winter, of Moncton, died in this city at the residence of Mrs. H. Fletcher, 151 St. James street, on Sunday morning while on a visit in this city, where she has been for the last two months, during which time she was taken ill. Her husband, Samuel Winter, who died last June, was in business in Moncton, where he had lived for many years. Mrs. Winter leaves two nieces, Mrs. Steeves, of Moncton, and Mrs. Alfred Pearson, of this city.

Miss Georgina Hannah.

The body of Miss Georgina Hannah, aged twenty-nine, who died in the Evangeline Hospital yesterday morning, will be taken to St. Stephen today for interment in the afternoon. Miss Hannah was a resident of St. Stephen. She leaves one sister, Miss Alice Hannah, also of St. Stephen.

Dr. D. D. MacDonald.

Dorchester, N. B., Jan. 24—(Special)—The death of Donald D. MacDonald, M.D., of this town, occurred here today at 8.30 a.m.

Deceased had reached the age of seventy-one years, and was born in 1843 at Havelock (N. B.) He graduated with honors from Bellevue Hospital, New York, in medicine some forty years ago, and was a classmate of Dr. B. S. Thorne of Havelock (N. B.), who is at present seriously ill. Later he married Miss Moore, daughter of the late Thomas Moore, barrister of Moncton, who died some six months ago.

Deceased practised in Petitcodiac (N. B.), for upwards of thirty-five years before removing to Dorchester in August 1910, upon being appointed physician and surgeon at the Maritime penitentiary, which position he held until his death. He is survived by one daughter, Miss Mabel; one brother, Samuel, of Havelock, and two sisters, Mrs. C. B. Allan, of St. John, and Miss Rebecca MacDonald, of Havelock.

He had been ailing for some four weeks, and bore his illness to the end with a great deal of fortitude. Death was due to bronchial pneumonia. He was a devoted member of the First Baptist church of Petitcodiac, where he formerly lived, and in politics was a Liberal. The funeral will be held on Monday at 12 o'clock from his late residence. A short service will be held at the house by Rev. B. H. Thomas, Protestant chaplain of the penitentiary here, assisted by Rev. Dr. Steele, of Amherst, a particular friend of the deceased. The body will be taken to Petitcodiac for interment.

The late Dr. MacDonald was well known throughout the province especially through Kings, Albert and Westmorland counties. He was a Christian gentleman of sterling qualities and as an officer of the penitentiary he had the respect of the entire staff, and as a citizen of the town the confidence of the people. His death has cast a gloom over the town, and many expressions of regret were heard. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the relatives, especially Miss Mabel, who is doubly bereaved through the death of her mother only a few months ago.

Mrs. Mary L. Gray.

Calgary, Jan. 22—At the residence of her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Smith, Calgary (Alta.), on Jan. 11, Mrs. Mary L. Gray, aged 71 years, widow of Charles G. Gray, of Sackville (N. B.), passed away. Deceased was a daughter of the late Isaac Dobson, of Jolicure (N. B.) Her early married life was spent in Sackville, from which place she removed in the early eighties to Wakefield (Mass.) where she made many friends. In 1910 she came with her daughter to Calgary. One sister, Mrs. George A. Wheeler, of Wakefield (Mass.); two brothers, Jacob Dobson, of Jolicure (N. B.), and Dr. W. G. Dobson, of Poughkeepsie (N. Y.); two sons, J. Murray Gray, of Wakefield, and Captain Frank E. Gray, of Reading (Mass.); and one daughter, Mrs. H. A. Smith, of Calgary (Alta.), are left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother and sister. The deceased was a very consistent member of the Olivet Baptist church and mission circle of Calgary and was beloved by all who knew her. This was proven by the numerous kind acts and sympathy shown during her long and painful illness, which she bore with Christian fortitude and also by the many and beautiful floral tributes given at the time of the funeral. The services were conducted by the Rev. D. R. Sharpe, president of McArthur College. The interment was at Calgary.

Mrs. Josephine Levar.

St. Stephen, Jan. 24—The funeral of Mrs. Josephine Levar, widow of John Levar, of Levarville, took place this afternoon from her late residence, in Water street. The services were conducted at the house by Rev. Dr. Goucher, pastor of the Union street Baptist church, of which the deceased was for many years a valued and consistent member. Mrs. Levar was seventy-three years of age and leaves to mourn their loss a sister, Mrs. Louise Nicholson, with whom she resided, and a brother, Albert Davis, of Oak Bay, as well as a large number of relatives and friends. The pall-bearers were Frank and Freeman Levar, nephews of the deceased, and Albert Davis and Judson Joyce. Interment was in the Oak Bay cemetery, beside her husband.

C. Edwin Taylor.

Moncton, Jan. 25—The death of C. Edwin Taylor, one of Moncton's best known citizens, occurred this morning after two weeks' illness. Deceased was a well known boot and shoe traveler. He was a native of Moncton and lived here all his life. He was a son of the late William Taylor and was a brother of R. Thompson Taylor, a well known commercial man of this city. Deceased was 58 years of age.

WEDDINGS

Arsenault-Swift.

Coal Branch, Jan. 17—St. Timothy's church, Adamsville, was the scene of an interesting event on Monday morning, Jan. 12, when Miss F. Fertrude Swift, fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Swift, was united in marriage to Abel J. Arsenault. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. V. Gaudet. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Kate Swift. The groom was supported by George Swift, brother of the bride. The wedding march was rendered by Miss A. Gallant. The happy couple partook of a sumptuous wedding breakfast at the home of the groom's father, and later drove to the bride's home where dinner was served. A few of their friends gathered and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The groom's present to the bride was a beautiful set of furs, and to the bridesmaid a handsome pearl pendant. Mr. and Mrs. Arsenault will reside at Coal Branch, where their many friends extend hearty wishes for their future happiness and prosperity.

McAllister-Branscombe.

The home of H. O. Branscombe, Cumberland Bay (N. B.), was the scene of a happy event on the 21st inst., at 10.30 a. m., when his eldest daughter, Elma Gladys, was united in marriage to J. Leonard McAllister. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. N. Barton, Woodstock, assisted by Rev. H. W. McCutcheon, of The Range (N. B.)

The bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of the wedding march, rendered by Miss Eleanor S. Thompson, of Codys (N. B.), and stood under a floral arch. The bride looked charming as she entered the parlor on the arm of her father, gowned in cream silk sautoy trimmed wi th silk embroidery and crystal trimmings, and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. The only ornament worn by the bride was a gold locket and chain, worn by her mother on her wedding day.

After congratulations the guests, numbering about fifty, repaired to the dining room where they partook of a bountiful wedding breakfast. Many beautiful presents were received, including silver, linen and cash. The groom's gift to the bride was a magnificent set of furs, besides a substantial check, and to the organist a beautiful pearl ring.

The happy couple left on the afternoon train for a short honeymoon trip to Boston and other cities. The bride's traveling costume was of navy blue whipcord and black picture hat. After their return they will reside at Fredericton, where the groom is employed with Corbett & Sons, contractors on the Valley railway.

Irish Magic.

A Yankee "doing" Ireland was boasting of the richness of the land in America, and comparing it with "poor" Ireland, as he persistently called it.

"Why," he said, "you could leave a field with a score of bullocks in it at night over there, and find the grass actually up to their heads in the morning."

"Why, then," said Pat, thinking, of course, of cattle driving, "you could leave ten score of them in a field here tonight, and look into the field in the morning without bein' able o see one at all."—Weekly Scotsman.

Cut off the legs of old stockings and use them for sleeve protectors.

CONDEMN THE HIGHWAY ACT

Northumberland Co. Council Ask Government to Amend It

Believe the People's Representatives Should Have a Say About Spending the Road Tax and Who Should Spend It—Grants to Two Hospitals Providing They Are Made Public—Other Business.

Newcastle, Jan. 24—Northumberland County Council closed its sessions yesterday afternoon.

The folowing accounts were passed for 1913:

Councillors' mileage and attendances	$ 490.00
Revisors of votes	227.00
Accts. passed Jan. 1913	1200.00
Accts. pased July 1913	1200.00
Criminal prosecution	800.00
Entrance Provincial Hospital	200.00
Boys' Inlustrial Home	200.00
Registration Births, Deaths and Marriages	200.00
Hotel Dieu	200.00
Sinking fund	1750.00
Interest on Debentures	2625.00
Deficit	1070.00
	$10,162.00

For the year $2,000 will be needed for Court House extras and $2,286 for support of pauper lunatics, therefore assessment for 1914 was fixed at $14,000 plus amount to cover actual deficits due from the respective parishes on contingent assessment and the usual percentage for assessing and collecting.

Folowing resolution was adopted:

"Whereas from time immemorial the Municipal Council has appointed the Commissioners of Highways, and

"Whereas the present government has taken that right away by the Highway Act of 1913, and

"Whereas certain moneys are by direct tax collected from the people towards the maintenance of the highways and the council has no say in the spending of said money nor any control over the supervision of roads and not even a detailed statement of how the said moneys are expended is given to the county,

"Therefore Resolved that this council ask the government to so amend the said Highway Act that this council will have some control over the said moneys and also give them power to appoint the supervisors or roads."

Councillor Parker moved that $1,000 be paid to the management of the proposed new Public Hospital to be erected at Newcastle this year and $1,000 annually thereafter. Councillor Vanderbeck moved that grant be $500 a year and threatened to resign if the $1,000 grant passed. The latter did pass by a vote of 13 to 12 and Councillor Vanderbeck at once tendered his resignation. The council, however, unanimously refused to accept it and he was persuaded to withdraw his resignation.

Councillor Connors then moved that a similar grant of $1,000 a year be made to the Hotel Dieu, of Chatham. This was also passed with the proviso that the Hotel Dieu be conducted upon the same lines as the Newcastle Hospital—as a public hospital.

Following passed:

"Whereas the road between the parishes of Rogersville and Nelson, known as the Barnaby River Road, is the only highway communication between the growing parish of Rogersville and the parish of Nelson, and

"Whereas this road is in so bad a condition as to be detrimented to the interest of these parishes and the county.

"Therefore resolved that the government of New Brunswick is hereby requested by the Municipal Council to make a special grant for the repairing of this important highway to enable the people of Rogersville to get to market with the products of their industry and,

"Further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Public Works and the County members."

A similar grant was asked for road from Escuminac to the Kent county line towards Point Sapin.

Secretary -treasurer was authorized to borrow $6,000 to meet expenses till tax collections are made.

The Dominion Pulp Co's. petition for permission to raise boomage charges in the North West mill stream boom, which they have leased, from 7½ to 10 cents a thousand, met with much opposition, and was held over till next year.

Petition from residents of upper part of Chatham parish to repeal bye-law aginst cattle running at large was refused.

Councillors Doyle, Lamont and Burcill were appointed wharf, land and jail committee for 1914.

Thomas Power was voted $240 in settlement for 60 days arrears of salary for inspecting new Court House.

The councillors from Rogersville asked whether it was legal for Newcastle to charge their people license for bringing farm produce into town. They were referred to Newcastle town council.

CAPE BRETON WOMAN DEAD AGED 102 YEARS

Guelph, Ont., Jan. 25—There passed away at the general hospital at the ripe old age of 102 years, Mrs. Juda McLean, who was one of the pioneer settlers of Cape Breton. Twelve years ago she came to Guelph, where for some time she resided with her son, Angus McLean. The late Mrs. McLean had been ill for the last twelve years and had been confined to a bed in the general hospital for the last three years. She leaves four sons and three daughters, all living in Cape Breton and western Canada.

DESERVED COMPLIMENT NOT WITHHELD.

A gentleman from Scotland who has traveled extensively, and who recently had occasion to use the Canadian government line—Intercolonial Railway—between Halifax and Montreal, writes the superintendent of the dining car service as follows:

"I was so pleased with the courtesy and attention of the superintendent of the car by which I traveled here that I think it only fair to mention it. The whole tone of his car and staff does him credit. Unmerited complaints you doubtless often receive. A deserved compliment should not be withheld."

It is a continuous strain for a builder to watch his buildings go up.

A pipe-full of MASTER WORKMAN tobacco is a great soother when some deep thinking has to be done. This world-famous brand may now be had at all tobacconists for 15c. per cut.

CONDENSED NEWS; LOCAL AND GENERAL

Registrar Jones reports the birth of three boys, and four weddings during the last week.

At the board of health offices last week twelve deaths were registered. The causes were: Phthisis three, senility two, and uraemia, premature birth, chronic nephritis, natural causes, cerebral softening, pernicious anaemia, and fracture of vertebrae, one each.

St. Stephen Courier: Mr. Justice Grimmer took the oath of office at St. John on Tuesday. It is a matter of general regret in Charlotte county that his appointment makes it necessary to reside in St. John. Judge Grimmer, his wife and daughter will be missed in many circles. Miss Eileen Deacon, of Milltown, is visiting Rev. and Mrs. R. S. Crisp in St. John.

Dr. David Townsend, superintendent of the Jordan Memorial Sanitarium at River Glade, who was in the city on Saturday, says that there are now twenty-three patients in the institution. Notwithstanding the cold weather they prefer sleeping outdoors to remaining in the warmer temperature within the building. Dr. Townsend was returning from St. Stephen where he examined applicants for admission.

The sessions of the quarterly meetings of the boards and committees of the diocesan synod of Fredericton ended Friday afternoon, the last meeting being that of the executive committee. Earlier in the day the following committees met: Theological study, clergy, widows and orphans' fund, constitution and canons, incapacitated clergy fund. Archdeacon Raymond was chairman of the committee on arrangements for the meetings of the synod.

Ralph C. Bonnell, for several years buyer for the furnishing and hat department of Oak Hall, severed his connection with the firm on Saturday night to take a position with the Eastern Hat & Cap Co. of Truro. The employes of Scovil Bros., with whom Mr. Bonnell was very popular, presented him with a handsome gold watch. The presentation was made by Sidney Young on behalf of the employes, and was accompanied by a brief address.

With reference to an article appearing in the American Lumberman, a journal published in Chicago, stating, in effect, that there exists a difference of opinion between the Canadian and United States members of the St. John River Commission arising from varying interpretations of the treaty made in 1842 between Great Britain and the United States, John Keefe, one of the Canadian members of the commission, says that the story is new to him. H. A. Powell, K.C., legal counsel for the company interested in the development of power and the construction of pulp and paper mills at Grand Falls, is not inclined to take the story seriously.

B. F. McCready, who is staying at the I. O. F. Rainbow Sanitorium in the heart of the Adirondacks, New York, writes under recent date to The Moncton Transcript as follows:—"Referring to the recent cold wave, I may say that on Wednesday morning, Jan. 14, the thermometer on the Rainbow Sanatorium third floor porch registered 50 below zero. Tuesday morning it registered 42 below zero, and all day Tuesday, 18th, it kept down to 30 below, getting colder as night came on. The patients sat out on open porches the usual hours, while four or five of the patients slept out at 50 below zero."

Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hoare, of Walkerville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Dorothy, to Dr. Gordon Little, of Walkerville. This interesting news has been the leading topic in social circles this week. After completing her education, last Easter, Miss Hoare went abroad for several months with her parents. Upon her return she was presented, in December, by her mother, at one of the largest functions of the season. Her betrothal to one of the most popular young physicians has caused great pleasure among their large circle of friends.—Evening Record, Windsor (N. S.)

Miss Hoare is a niece of Bruce Scovil, of this city.

CARVELL'S DEFENCE OF ST. JOHN WAKES HAZEN UP

(Continued from page 1.)

Intercolonial had been discontinued, including the Ocean Limited.

Hon. Frank Cachrane said it was news to him that twenty-three trains had been cut off. As for the Ocean Limited, he would know tomorrow or the next day whether it was to be continued.

Hon. G. P. Graham was informed by the minister of railways that the report on the investigation into the construction of the N. T. R. would be down next week.

Debate Resumed.

The debate on the address was resumed by D. A. Lafortune, Liberal member for Montcalm, who, presumably, speaking in a sarcastic vein, said he would no doubt be in favor of the proposal of Mr. Lesperance to abolish the naval bill. Mr. Lesperance, he said, was a serious man and a patriot and to follow him would be but to go in the right direction.

Cripple Dismissed.

Mr. Lafortune criticized the government, more particularly the postmaster-general, for the dismissal of public servants. He said that in his county a postmaster with one arm and a family of six children to support had been dismissed by Mr. Pelletier simply because it was known that he had voted Liberal.

In closing, Mr. Lafortune dealt with the Chateauguay by-election. He declared that it had been won by corrupt methods. Agents for the government, he said, had passed from house to house offering to buy the products of the farmers. They would pay something down in advance, but needless to say, they were never seen again after election day.

Mr. Lafortune continued for some time in this vein.

Broder in No Hurry to Aid Britain.

"Before we build a navy in this country it would be better to decide whether we are going to swim or fly," said Andrew Broder, of Dundas, in opening his address. After referring to the unsettled state of naval constructions, he asked whether it would not be better to let Canada enjoy the use of the enormous amount of money which would be required until the matter had been settled. If this amount were spent now other sums would have to be expended yearly for purposes of maintenance.

The member for Dundas then turned to the highways bill and characterized the attitude of the opposition towards this measure as one in which they "wanted the child to cry but did not want to whip it."

The high cost of living next engaged the speaker's attention. It was largely due to the mode of life pursued in the present day, he thought. "The bread you ate, your mother made; the bread you eat your wife now goes out and buys. She does not know what the scrubbing brush and the clothesline are," said Mr. Broder.

As for the resolution moved by the leader of the opposition in regard to the situation, well, resolutions would not make the hen running around the barnyard lay one egg more. The producer was the man who would lower the cost of living. Canada was not producing what it should. It should not be that a man could sit down as a man had sat down in Ottawa recently to a breakfast of which the eggs came from Russia, the potatoes from Ireland, the bacon from Denmark and the butter from New Zealand. The people must be encouraged to go back to the land; the farmers must do their part by making life more attractive for the hired help and, lastly, the immigrant newly come must be allowed to enter into our social conditions.

Hon. R. Lemieux in opening criticized the appointment of O. S. Crocket from the house of commons to a seat on the New Brunswick supreme court. He asked what Hon. Mr. Foster thought of that proceeding, in view of his denunciations of such appointments in the past.

He also had some words of criticism for Mr. Lavalee, the seconder of the address from the throne, whom he characterized as "an insincere Nationalist."

"There are a few sincere Nationalists," said Mr. Lemieux, "but they are very few."

The speech from the throne, he said, was "as meagre as our last year's Christmas dinner, as empty as the workingman's dinner pail, and as bare as a church plate in hard times."

He recalled Sir Charles Tupper's prediction in 1897 that the Fielding tariff would ruin the industries of the country. That prediction had not been fulfilled, and with Liberals in office and the British preference on the statute books, the country had prospered and trade had expanded.

It was imposible, said Mr. Lemieux, to legislate against geography in trade matters. He was opposed to mutual preference within the empire, because he believed it would tend to disintegrate, rather than unify the empire, and it would also tend to estrange the motherland in fiscal matters fro mother countries. Yet this was the doctrine that had been preached by a section of the Imperialist party in Canada.

Mr. Lemieux said he must be opposed to mutual preference within the empire because he did not believe in imperial relations on such a basis. The repeal of the British preference in favor of Canada when the corn laws were abolished, had been the cause of the annexiation manifesto of 1849.

The ex-postmaster reviewed the Liberal record, and claimed that the railway policy of the late government had been responsible for the Canadian Pacific Railway undertaking double-tracking. The National Transcontinental Railway had been undertaken, and there was no degrading while it was in Liberal hands. He also commended the policy which had developed the harbors of the Great Lakes.

Mr. Lemieux said he was surprised to find nothing in the speech from the throne regarding the Georgian Bay canal. He declared himself in favor of that project, but if he mistook hot, the Georgian Bay canal would be completed when it reached a certain town on Lake Nipissing.

Mr. Lemieux, stating most emphatically that he spoke for himself and in no way bound any of his fellow-members to the left of the speaker, declared in favor of free food.

"I am ready to stand for the wiping out of duties on all foodstuffs coming into Canada," he said. "What has been good enough for the motherland is good enough for me."

It might be argued against this, he said, that the farmer was being deprived of his protection. But was not the farmer also a consumer as well as the workingman and if these duties were wiped out would he not also benefit.

YARMOUTH NOTES

Yarmouth, N. S., Jan. 24—The Yarmouth hockey club held a very successful ice carnival last evening at the Exhibition rink. A larger number of costumes than usual were in evidence. Prizes were awarded, the first ladies' prize going to Miss Norma Raymond.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McNutt, Arygle street, on Thursday evening when their daughter, Nora Jean, was married to Daniel McIsaac of the Railway Express service. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. T. Clark, pastor of the Temple Baptist church, in the presence of the family and immediate friends. The young couple will reside in Yarmouth.

B. B. Law, M. P., accompanied by Mrs. Law, left this morning for Ottawa, where he will take up his parliamentary duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Seymour C. Baker arrived home today after a two months honeymoon spent in Europe.

Miss Ann Mitchell is spending a few days in Halifax.

L. C. Goodge, Dominion Express agent here, has gone to St. John to enter the inspector's department. Robert Campbell, of Halifax, has arrived to fill the vacancy here. Mr. Goodge made many friends while here, who will deeply regret his departure.

Misses Dorothy and Marguerite James, passengers in the ill-fated Cobequid, are still in Yarmouth, the guests of Edward Allen.

Miss Florence Rogers has gone to Ottawa to be the guest for the winter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Flint.

Mrs. J. L. B. Webster has gone to Boston to visit her son, Dr. Kenneth Webster.

Mrs. G. W. T. Farish and Miss Maude Farish arrived home from Montreal Tuesday evening.

Miss Elizabeth Pelton arrived here by steamer on Wednesday morning and will take up private nursing.

Miner Perry passed away on Sunday last at his home, Clements street, aged 68 years. He had only been ill a short time of paralysis. He leaves a widow and one son, Prof. H. Gordon Perry, of Quebec.

George Wagner is lying seriously ill at his home, Arygle street, suffering from a second attack of diphtheria.