LORD SELBORNE'S REPLY TO HON. W. S. FIELDING

Did Not Deny Right of Canadians To Shape Their Own National Destiny.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable).

LONDON, June 9.—Lord Selborne replying to Hon. W. S. Fielding's letter, said: Fielding misapprehends that which he criticizes. I made no reflections upon the policy or conduct of the party in power in Canada, or upon Canadian statesmen. I particularly insisted that Canadians alone must shape their own national destiny and were quite free to make a reciprocity agreement with the United States. The purpose of my speech was to draw attention to the effect of the proposed agreement upon British trade interests and upon the general imperial situation. I submit that it is inexpedient to deprecate discussion on measures which affect the empire as a whole, or which must react upon imperial interests, because they in the first instance most concern one particular portion of the empire.

Selborne proceeds to deal with Fielding's statement that under the agreement 95 per cent of British trade with Canada was untouched, and observes that Fielding makes no comment on the complicated issues arising from the most favored nation treaties.

"I cannot," he says, "admit Fielding's instances as to previous treaties to invalidate my contention. I would remind him of the action of the Canadian Government, which in 1890 moved the British administration to withhold assent from the Bond-Hay convention between Newfoundland and the United States, on the ground that it would discriminate against Canada. There is nothing in the policy of Canada or the other dominions incompatiable with the suggestion I made for united action."

ORGIES OF NEW GUINEA.

Of the unpleasant drinking customs of certain nations in New Guinea, Walter Goodfellow writes: "We did not find the people down by the coast nearly so tractable or companionable as those at the headwaters of the river. They were also much more quarrelsome among themselves. They tap a species of sugar palm up the river and make fermented drink out of it. On this they get fearfully intoxicated and wild orgies take place all day. Parties of them would go off in canoes and sit under the palms from which the drink was obtained. In the morning they would return extremely drunk, and fights used to be the result.

"Sometimes these fights lasted for two days at a time. In our vicinity they more often than not took place at night. The natives then made such an indescribable din with their howling and their noises that we could not sleep at our base camp. Spears and showers of arrows were discharged in all directions, and one could hear the sound of their axes dealing blows on the bodies of the combatants.

"After a time the women would join in the fray, and their shrill voices added to the babel, making the noise greater than ever. When they became involved in the fights they seemed to be worse than the men. The cries were not like sounds emitted by human beings, but rather like the cries of animals."—Chicago Daily News.

CLIMBING ARARAT.

"Ararat is not a mountain that is climbed every day, or even every year," says a writer. "Seventeen ascents have been recorded. When James Bryce, unaccompanied, made his remarkable ascent, in 1876, he was told by every one whom he met in the vicinity of the mountain that the top had never been reached, and, what was more, it never could be. Jinns and fiends and giants had prevented the rascally Kurds from even attempting to scale the terrible mountain, and since the ark grounded there mortal man had not been allowed to trespass on the sacred heights, he was informed.

"Had not St. Hagop tried again and again to reach the summit in order to silence the skeptics about the ark, but found himself each morning on waking quietly deposited at the base, whence he started? Finally an angel presented him with a piece of the ark for his pains, but told him to cease his attempts to reach the forbidden ground.

"That was in the fourth century of our era, but the piece of the ark is still to be seen at the monastery of the Echmiadzin, where dwells the catholicos of the Armenian Church. That Russians or a stray lone Englishman had really reached the top of Ararat was not to be thought of."—Chicago News.

GAME ON FOULS AND ERRORS.

Swelling the lists appears to be the rule with the census enumerators. It is reported that all the relatives of a family are enrolled at each house, whether at home or abroad, and those resident and making their living in the United States are counted just the same. This is the per capita method, and is guaranteed to get results. The British method of taking an honest reckoning of the people actually in the country should not be out of date.

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"HILL" PROPERTY ACTIVE

Kendal-avenue Brings $4000 an Acre —Big Deals Pending.

Several fair-sized tracts of land on the "hill," in the vicinity of North Bathurst-street, have changed hands lately, the new owners intending to subdivide and sell as residential lots.

Yesterday the Monarch Realty Co. bought ten acres on Kendal-avenue, adjoining and to the east of Forest Hill Heights, at a total of about $40,000, from William Tattle, and thru Tanner and Gates. This property will be sold for high-class residential purposes, with good restrictions. Another deal, affecting a much larger property, in the same vicinity, is now under way.

Further west and north realty is quite active also. A few days ago R. J. Fleming sold 43 acres at the north-east corner of Vaughan and Eglinton, thru Winyard, Cooch and Co., at a price averaging $1600 an acre. It is understood that this property will be subdivided, but the purchaser's name is not disclosed.

The Secret of the Pigeon.

It is an old and much disputed question by what means carrier pigeons find their way home over distances sometimes of hundreds of miles. Some extraordinary suggestions have been offered to explain this strange faculty, such as that the birds are guided by magnetic currents, that they possess a special sense of direction enabling them to reverse a course once pursued, and that they have a particular arrangement of the internal organs of the ear which affords a means of guidance. The problem has been attacked again recently by P. Hashet-Souplet, director of the institute of animal psychology in Paris, who concludes that the whole secret is contained in the ability of the pigeons to lay their course by recognized points in the landscape beneath them. He believes that the longest authenticated flights are explicable in this way.—Youth's Companion

The "Bad News" Bell at Lloyd's.

The bell of the British frigate Lutine, which sank off the Dutch coast in 1799, with a cargo of coin and specie valued at $6,000,000, is the "bad news" bell at Lloyd's. Whenever news is received that a ship is overdue, or when definite news comes of the loss of a ship, the bell is rung by the "caller." At its tolling all transactions are suspended until the news it heralds is read.

Many attempts, some partially successful, have been made to recover the golden cargo of the Lutine. About $500,000 of the sum has been found, the bulk of it in 1800. It was in one of these attempts that the bell was found. Only a short time ago the wreck was again located, and search for the treasure is now being made.—Popular Mechanic.

York County and Suburbs

WILL COMMISSION OR COUNTY HANDLE ROADS?

Some Question Now as to Interim Responsibility— N. Toronto and General County News.

NORTH TORONTO, June 9.—(Special.)—There seems to be a disposition on the part of the town council to resent the recommendation of Inspector Howson, wherein the latter advocates the acquisition of some four acres of land at once, and the erection of a school within a year, under pain of withholding or withdrawing the government grant. Tho not a great deal was said when the matter was incidentally broached the other evening to the council it was apparent to everybody that the suggestion would have had a hard time in running the gauntlet. The school board are only the appointees of the council, and can do little but present the case in the best possible light.

When the scheme of a high school was first brought up Councillor Howe was strongly opposed to the movement, charging that the time was not ripe for such an institution. Whether that is the case or not, the North Toronto high school, under the guidance of George H. Reed, has, under adverse circumstances, made a showing in less than two years that is a credit to any town or teacher.

The nearness of access to the city may, as has been said, render a high school here unnecessary. That remains to be proved, but it does not detract from the fact that in the present principal North Toronto has a man who is doing herculean work in the cause of good clean, manly education. Whether the school is reduced to the standing of a continuation class or not, only the council can tell, but they ought to think twice before sidetrackling such a promising fledgling as the North Toronto High School.

A good deal of interest is developing in the open meeting of the Ratepayers' Association to be held to-morrow evening, when the electric lighting and power question and the Metropolitan switching question come up for discussion. President Banton wants it to be clearly understood that everybody will be given an opportunity to speak, and it is sincerely to be hoped that the townspeople will show their interest in public affairs by packing the town hall.

Mrs. John Gregory, an English lady, about 62 years of age, was severely injured by being struck by a southbound Newmarket car near the corner of Sherwood and Yonge-streets to-day. Conductor Matson says the woman crossed the track three times and the last time she was struck by the projecting front step, hurled some little distance and fractured her left leg. She was hurried to St. Michael's Hospital, where Dr. Crawford reduced the fracture and sewed up a deep flesh wound. No blame is said to be attached to the motorman.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Harry L. Johnson took place on Thursday evening at 62 Davenport-road, where Mrs. Johnson had been for some time visiting. The deceased lady had not been in good health for a long time, but her sudden demise was not looked for. Mr. Johnson is a prominent contractor and the family residence is on Soudan-avenue, from which place the funeral took place.

CHESTER.

Lord Bishop Will Preach at St. Barnabas' on Sunday Evening.

CHESTER, June 9.—(Special.)—Sunday being St. Barnabas Day the first anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of the new parish house of St. Barnabas, there will be special services at 8 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7 p.m. At the evening service the Lord Bishop of Toronto will preach. At both the morning and evening services special offerings and promises will be asked toward the reduction of the heavy debt on the church, the cost of which, as is unfortunately the custom with such buildings, exceeded the original estimate by several thousand dollars. It rests upon the earnest congregational workers to put forth another effort to make a very material reduction.

On June the 29th the 53rd annual garden party of the Barnabas will be held, when thru the courtesy of Col. Gooderham the full band of the Royal Grenadiers will play. The garden party will conclude with a grand display of fireworks, kindly donated by W. F. Maclean, M.P., and Dr. Pyne, minister of education.

MILLIKEN.

MILLIKEN, June 9.—(Special.—The long needed rain, which came this week, has done a vast amount of good to the crops here, which are all looking good now.

Our worthy merchant is improving our town by building a handsome new house and store.

The friends of Ebenezer Church are holding their anniversary services on Sunday, June 11, also a grand lawn social, on Monday evening, June 12, on the beautiful lawn of Mr. Breakey. Tea will be served, also a splendid program has been arranged. Dont' miss this treat.

WYCHWOOD.

Sum Guaranteed to Presbyterian Church is Credit to District.

WYCHWOOD, June 9. —(Special).—The ladies of the Presbyterian Church out in Wychwood have demonstrated their ability to raise money for church purposes, having secured no less a sum than $5000 as the basis of a guaranteed annual revenue. While the men succeeded in raising a trifle more than the women, the latter did herculean work and were largely responsible for the success of the whole venture. That the congregation of a local church in a comparatively new district like Wychwood should assume a debt of such magnitude speaks volumes for them.

DON'T CARE FOR SHOW.

Plan to Uniform County Men Not Likely to Be Adopted.

Ex-Warden Pugsley of Richmond Hill is said to cherish the scheme of having the York County constabulary clothed in regulation uniform similar to that worn by the city, only different, and the idea does not go down well with the county officers, who, as a rule, are a sensible lot of fellows and do not court notoriety or display. Besides, they think, and very properly, that to be clothed in uniform would seriously hinder their work in many ways, which it doubtless would. The idea is not likely to be adopted, tho there are times when the presence of a uniformed officer in the county would do much to secure order. If the council will increase the salary a little bit, the same as they did with their own, there would be a general feeling of relief among the county police, who are a good body of men, reasonable and efficient.

GOOD ROADS ITEMS.

Sort of a Knotty Problem Comes Up at Last Minute.

A somewhat new and unexpected situation has arisen with respect to the work and responsibility of the York County Good Roads Commission, and one which may have an important bearing on the whole situation. However, it is not seriously viwed by the members of the commission themselves, and will no doubt be satisfactorily settled during the week at the coming session of the York County Council, which convenes on Monday.

When the three-cornered agreement between the county, the city and the government was entered into as to the good roads system no mention was made of the time in which the assumption of the control of the roads should start. Now that it begins to look like business, and they are getting down to concrete facts, the question arises as to who shall assume the responsibility for maintaining them in the interim. When the work is completed the city assumes 20 per cent. of the cost of maintaining them for five years, and then drops out. But the responsibility for the next three years is an open question that is not definitely settled.

Discussing the matter informally last night, Secretary H. Ramsden said: "The question was talked over yesterday and the commission decided that the matter should be submitted to the York County Council at their meeting on Monday. If the county wishes the commission to assume the roads at once, all well and good, they will do so, but the cost of it will not come out of the $300,000 granted, but out of the districts included in East and West York, for it will be remembered that North York was not a consenting party to the deal. The $300,000 was voted," said Mr. Ramsden, "wholly for the construction of and incidental work of the 'good roads' system, the 111 miles, and will be kept for that purpose. So, if the municipalities wish to continue in control, until such time as they are taken over by the commission it will be all right."

The commission yesterday visited the Lambton Mills hill and looked over the mile and a half of road to be built there to connect with the Eaton-road, and plans and specifications will be drawn up. Other jobs will follow at once.

YORK MILLS.

St. John's Church Picnic Takes Place in Two Weeks.

YORK MILLS, June 9.—(Special). —The annual parochial picnic of St. John's Church, which has been held for the past half-century, will take place this year on Saturday afternoon, June 24 next, upon Mr. Oliver Bales' farm.

Prizes will be competed for by football teams in the surrounding neighborhood, besides other sports. A brass band will be in attendance.

HUMBER BAY.

Contemplated Improvements Will Make Local Hotel a Fine One.

HUMBER BAY, June 9.—(Special).—The Grand Trunk Railway have to-day started to renovate the hotel lately occupied by William H. Miles, they having been granted a transfer of the license held by Miles by the license commissioners of West York. Mr. J. Newton, who has had a large experience in the hotel business, keeping hotel at Norval, Lambton Mills, Empire Hotel, Yonge-street; Imperial Hotel, corner King and York-streets, and latterly owner of Newton's Turkish Baths, King-street, has been appointed manager.

After the improvements contemplated by the company are finished, this will be one of the best hotels in West York.

SCARBORO OLD BOYS.

At the recent annual meeting of the Scarboro Historical and Old Boys' Association, the following officers were elected: President, Alex. Baird; vice-presidents, R. W. Fugard and E. C. Jackson; secretary-treasurer, J. C. Clark.

It was decided to hold the annual picnic and games at Scarboro Beach on Wednesday, July 19.

NEW TELEPHONE COMPANY.

CORNWALL, June 9.—(Special.)—At a meeting held in St. Andrew's Hall, Martintown, the preliminary steps were taken to organize a joint stock telephone company, to erect and operate lines in that locality in connection with the Bell Telephone. The following officers were elected: President, Albert Cligden; vice-president, Archie McDermid; secretary, Henry Kinloch; directors, M. D. McMartin, George Ellis, Clark, John McGregor, Duncan Ross, Thomas R. Craig, D. Warner.

Vancouver Man Here.

J. T. Wilson of Vancouver is staying at the King Edward Hotel. He was a reporter on The Vancouver World in 1888, and is leaving for the coronation with his wife and daughter, and will write special articles for the paper he represents.

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(b) "Dance of the Nubians"
(c) "Solo Dance"
(d) "Anthony's Victory"
4. Sacred Solo "Dream of Paradise" Mr. Geo. C. Sarvis
5. Forest Whispers Characteristic Losey
6. Selection "Un Ballo in Maschera" Verdi
—INTERMISSION—
7. March "Religioso" Chambers
8. Overture "Zampa" Herold
9. Scenes from "Algeria" Herbert
(a) Rose Mouse—Valse Lento Bose
(b) Quartet from "Rigoletto" Verdi
10. Operatic Masterpieces Safrank

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1. March "Coronation From the Prophet" Myerbeer
2. Overture "William Tell" Rossini
(a) "Lead Kindly Light" Dykes
(b) Celebrated Minuet Paderewski
3. Invitation a La Valse Weber
4. Sacred Song "Dream of Paradise" Mr. Geo. C. Sarvis
5. Fantasia "Creme de la Creme" Tobani
—INTERMISSION—
6. March "Stabat Mater" Losey
7. Overture "Mignon" Thomas
8. "First Heart Throbs" Eilenberg
9. Introduction and Bridal Chorus from Third Act "Lohengrin" Wagner
10. "Echoes from the Metropolitan" Tobani
"The Queen of Sheba"
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