

PROSPERITY HAS COME TO THE DOMINION UNDER A WISE ADMINISTRATION

Hon. Mr. White Reviews Record of Present Government.

CALLS LAURIER A TARIFF CHAMELEON.

Revenues Increased Millions, Country's Debt Cut Down and Canada's Trade at the Billion Mark, Rational Optimism Justifiable.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Jan. 20.—Hon. W. T. White, the Minister of Finance, made a notable contribution to the debate upon the address in reply to the speech from the throne today. He reviewed the financial situation, dealt forcibly with Sir Wilfrid Laurier's amendment condemning the administration on the ground that it had done nothing to remedy the depression of business and indicated the financial policy which the government would pursue. A general revision of the tariff downward at a time when Canada was just emerging from a protracted period of monetary stringency he felt, could lead to nothing but a dislocation of industry. He believed that the financial crisis had been passed and that the spring would bring easier money and better conditions. "Rational optimism" is said to be the attitude of every Canadian with Sir Wilfrid's Hamilton declaration in favor of free trade, he had sympathy. Free trade, he said, would mean free trade. Moreover, the removal of duties would not prove a solution of the problem of the high cost of living. Increased production on the farm he saw a remedy for the situation. Therefore, he declared that the government would continue its generous treatment of the industry of agriculture. The government, he said, would not be extravagant nor parsimonious, but would strike a middle course. Any unusual financial measure during the past year, he said, had been dictated by the financial blunders of the former administration. (Continued on page 2)

FORMAL REFERENCE TO LORD STRATHCONA IN PARLIAMENT TODAY

House May Adjourn for a Day—Keen Regret and Appreciation of His Great Services to Country.

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Ottawa, Jan. 20.—Formal reference to the loss which the Dominion has sustained in the death of Lord Strathcona, will be made in the house tomorrow by the Prime Minister, and by the leader of the opposition. The probability is that the house will adjourn for a day, although upon this point a decision has not been reached. News of the death of Lord Strathcona reached the house tonight while the debate on the address was in progress and was quickly communicated to all the members. The government has been in receipt of several cables daily since the serious nature of the High Commissioner's illness first became known. These messages during the last two days left no room for hope that Lord Strathcona could survive, and the final cable tonight announcing the death of the aged commissioner caused no surprise. The general expression tonight is of keen regret in the loss of Lord Strathcona, and of appreciation of the great service which he rendered to Canada during his long term as the representative of the Dominion in Great Britain. The Canadian government will be represented at the funeral. Lord Strathcona's last official act was the dictation of a lengthy message to the government here, since the beginning of the illness which terminated today. He insisted on signing this, his last letter to the government on Thursday of last week. Hon. Robert Rogers alluding last night to the death of Lord Strathcona, said: "Western Canada in common with Eastern Canada will deeply mourn the sad news of Lord Strathcona's death. His Lordship's early activities contributed much to the development of the west. His old homestead adjoins the city of Winnipeg. When he honored the west three years ago with a visit, he received the most royal welcome ever extended to any man in western Canada. His loss to the Dominion, as well as to the Empire, will be irreparable."

TRURO STATION OPENED.
Truro, N. B., Jan. 20.—Truro's new railway station was opened with appropriate ceremony today.

GERMAN STEAMSHIP LINES STILL AT LOGGERHEADS

Little Prospect of Shipping Pool Being Renewed at Conference to be Held Today—Outlook is Rate War Will be Prevented.

Berlin, Jan. 20.—The prospects are outwardly very slight for a renewal of North Atlantic shipping pool at the conference to be held in Paris tomorrow, according to reports from Bremen and Hamburg, but there is an under current of opinion that a disastrous general rate war between the various companies will be prevented. The German companies, in spite of the intervention of the Emperor, and the expressed pleasure of the business world, are apparently still at loggerheads. The Hamburg-American persists in its refusal to attend the conference in Paris, because its demand for an increase in its quota of

THE OPENING SPEECH IN THE SENATE

Senator Mason of Toronto Moves Address in Reply to Speech from Throne Seconded by Senator Thorne.

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FOREIGNERS ENGAGE FATALITY IN A DUEL

An Austrian Killed by Com-patriot—Two Others of Same Nationality Engage in Knife Fight.

Vancouver, Jan. 20.—An Austrian, named Marchovitch, was killed last night by a fellow countryman named Scherbot, who he probably fatally slashed in return. Pietro Scherbot and George Miller, also Austrians, fought a duel last night and both were so badly injured the doctors hold out no hope. Both duels were fought with keen knives. If any of those concerned recover arrests will be made. Vancouver has continued as the country as yet had been barely touched. In conclusion, Senator Thorne paid a tribute to the late Senator J. V. Ellis, of St. John, N. B., who died during the recess. Senator Ellis was known and respected by all classes of the community in which he lived. "It was with the greatest regret that we followed him to the grave and I only wish to add my quota of respect for him, for his independent views and strong convictions on every subject and the courage of those convictions and his willingness to give expression to them," said Senator Thorne. Senator D. W. Ross adjourned the debate and will speak tomorrow.

COUNSEL OR DEFENSE

Mr. Teed Shows Case Against Railway, Not Against Mr. Pinder.

STEWART HAS NO GROUND FOR CLAIM.

Says Letter Signed by "A. J. Donworth" Was Written by Plaintiff—The Mysterious John K. Graham.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 20.—Special

When the Stewart vs. Southampton Railway case was resumed in York circuit court, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Carvell recalled John E. Stewart, who said he had not paid one dollar on any option of property at "Hawthorn" or "Lumber lands on the Mordville dam during the year of 1913. He had paid his board while at Pinder's house and gave \$20 to Mrs. Pinder and \$18.90 worth of electrical fittings to George Pinder on one occasion.

D. King Hason was next recalled and stated that he could not remember of ever attending a meeting of the directors of the company. He had never made any statements to the directors, but he had told Mr. Pinder regarding certified check of O'Keefe's for \$25,500 and the Pindars' Valley bonds. He did not have the check nor bonds at that time.

Cross-examined by Mr. Teed, Mr. Hason said that he did not remember what time he received a note of Stewart's for \$22,500, but he had had one. It was given in connection with the O'Keefe negotiations. Stewart had at one time spoken of Donworth financing the road, said witness.

Mr. Teed, in opening, urged the jury to get the matter straight. Carvell had tried to make this a case against James Pinder, whereas it was against the Southampton Railway Company, of which Mr. Pinder was only an officer. He (Carvell) had asserted that Pinder was the company which was guilty of a conspiracy to defraud. Pinder held equal stock in the company. (Continued on page 3)

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TWO CAPE BRETON MEN ARE FOUND FROZEN TO DEATH

Steven Curry and James McLeod Missing Since Saturday—Lost Road in Storm—McLeod's Body Found on the Beach.

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 20.—Steven Curry, of Port Horton and James McLeod of Dominion No. 6, who had been reported missing since Saturday were found today. A searching party found Curry's body on the roadside between Birch Grove and Morden this morning. The unfortunate man lived at the latter place and worked with the coal company at their new mines Saturday night. It is presumed, he missed the trolley which carries the workmen at Birch Grove from the mine to Morden and started to walk to his home. He evidently lost his way in the big storm of Saturday night or Sunday morning and tired and exhausted, lay down on the road and froze to death.

The body of James McLeod, Dominion No. 6, was found this morning on the beach this side of the latter place. The man had been frozen to death. McLeod, accompanied by his brother, went to Glace Bay Saturday night on a shopping errand. Later they started for home and got about half of the distance when James wanted to return to the Bay. His brother would not retrace his steps but kept toward home. James started back over the beach and was returning on Sunday, his people thought he might be with friends in Glace Bay. A search was made today and the body of the unfortunate man was located on the beach, close to the water's edge with one arm extending into the sea. He had evidently stumbled about on the long, lonely and dark stretch of sand until finally falling exhausted and unable to rise, he met death. Deceased leaves a wife and eight children, the oldest 14.

BANDITS GET AWAY WITH BIG LOOT

Held Up Bank Cashier at Point of Gun and Rifled Vault of Big Sum.

Pittsburg, Okla., Jan. 20.—Two bandits early today rode up to the State Bank, forced the cashier into the vault, at pistol point, rifled it of coin and galloped out of town. Reports say several thousands were secured. A posse with bloodhounds has started on the trail of the robbers.

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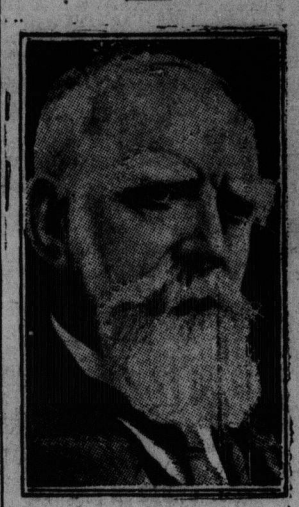
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Passed Away In His Sleep Shortly After One O'Clock.

REMARKABLE CAREER BROUGHT TO CLOSE.

Country Will Long Remember the Invaluable Service He Has Rendered—An Irreparable Loss to the Dominion—His Life Story.



LORD STRATHCONA
London, Jan. 21.—Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, High Commissioner for Canada, died at 1:55 o'clock this morning. He passed away peacefully in his sleep.

He had been practically unconscious since half-past four yesterday afternoon. Lord Strathcona's death was due to prostration, the result of a severe attack of catarrh. He had been ailing, however, ever since the death of his wife on November 12 last, which proved a great shock to him. Lord Strathcona's title now goes to his daughter, Margaret Charlotte, who is the wife of Major R. J. Bliss Howard.

Lord Strathcona had only one son in the House of Lords—the Earl of Wemyss, who is in his ninety-sixth year.

The news of the death of Lord Strathcona will come with a sense of personal loss to every freeman in Canada. There is no man whose life history has been more closely associated than his, with the successive phases of our country's progress. The retrospect of his long career calls up the scattered and disunited provinces of the days of the rebellion to the magnificent Dominion of today.

Donald Smith, subsequently elevated to the peerage of the United Kingdom as Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal, was born in Morayshire, a district that now forms the county of Elgin in Scotland. His father, Alexander Smith of Archleonean, was at the time of his birth, a merchant of the little town of Forres. His mother was a daughter of Donald Stuart of Leachdale.

Like many other ambitious and energetic young Scotchmen, Donald Smith determined to try his fortune in a new country. He entered the service of the Hudson's Bay Company and in 1833 made the first of his many voyages across the Atlantic in one of the company's sailing ships. The passage occupying nearly fifty days. He arrived at Montreal at the time when Sir John Colborne was occupied in stamping out the embers of the Papineau rebellion. Donald Smith's first experience of Canadian life and politics were drawn from the string scenes of those troubled days.

But it was his fortune to be soon despatched far away from the rising commercial metropolis of the province of Canada. In those days the Hudson's Bay Company exercised its jurisdiction throughout the whole of Labrador, and the Ungava peninsula, which formed part of Rupert's Land. Young Smith was sent to the snow-bound post of Mingan in Labrador, where he passed thirteen years, engaged in learning the routine of the fur trade of which he rapidly became a master. It was not in his nature to allow the enforced leisure of the long winter evenings to pass without profit. His diligent reading of the little stock of books at the post, and the writing of long letters to his mother in Scotland, aided him in acquiring the marked sympathy with intellectual culture and the scholarly address which distinguished the veteran statesman of sixty years later.

From Mingan Donald Smith was presently transferred to the district of Hudson Bay. He rose step by step in his calling in which his untiring energy and his exceptional facilities

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