

## BIG VOTE FOR TRADE WITHIN THE EMPIRE

COMMERCE CONGRESS STANDS FOR IT BY 84 TO 21

Free Trade Championed By English Delegate.

TORONTO, Sept. 22—Once again the chambers of commerce of the empire have declared in favor of preferential trade. Two resolutions presented, one by the Toronto board of trade and the other by the Montreal board of trade were consolidated in a reaffirmation of faith in the advantage of developing as never before trading between the motherland, dominions and colonies.

The resolution favoring preferential trade within the empire was passed by a majority of 84. The resolution reads as follows:

"Whereas at various congresses of chambers of commerce of the British empire strong expressions in favor of some arrangement of preferential trade within the empire have been embodied in resolutions passed at the congress;

"Whereas the British empire has been seriously affected both financially and commercially, as a result of the recent European war, and it now seems more desirable than ever that some scheme of trade shall be devised within the British Empire whereby the financial position not only of Great Britain, but of all the component parts of the British Empire whose financial position have been weakened by their war efforts, shall be restored as rapidly as possible;

"Resolved that this congress reaffirms its opinion in favor of preferential trade within the British Empire, and pledges itself to press upon the various governments concerned the desirability of taking action to give effect to this principle."

### THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH.

"It is a fine thing to have sentiments based on history, but the world changes, and what may have been good policy 50 years ago may require to be changed now," said Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce, in speaking to the above resolution. "We are not doctrinaires in this country,

but we know what protection has done for us in the past. It is folly to say that Great Britain is wedded to the principle of free trade, as the Great Britain of to-day does not know what policy may be best for it to-morrow. Neither free trade nor protection came down from heaven. Circumstances and conditions must be taken into account, and our policies shaped accordingly, and all that we can say is that the principles of tariff reform have been upheld by the electorate of this country in the past."

Sir George went on to say that the British empire was world-wide, and its needs diversified, and what was best for one part might not be good for another, though the needs of the whole family of the empire, he thought, should be considered when formulating the policy of any one part.

The broad spirit and the clear thinking that had characterized the British empire in the past would continue to guide it along wise lines in shaping her policy, the speaker said. "We are a brotherhood of nations in this great world," concluded Sir George, "and the nearer that we approach to that brotherhood in our dealings with each other, the better we shall be served."

### DIFFERS WITH COCKSHUTT

"A bolstering up of vested interests," was how Frank L. Moorhouse, of Huddersfield, described the tariff in a strong speech in which he upheld the free trade policy of Great Britain as being the sure foundation of her commercial greatness. The speaker took strong exception to the statement of Mr. Cockshutt on the previous day that the mother country was slow in adopting any change of policy. There was an altogether different aspect of the situation, Mr. Moorhouse said, which Mr. Cockshutt had ignored. The revenue of the old country was not derived from tariff, but from direct taxation. At the present time he found that it cost him double to live in Canada to what it did in England. He had gone into a store in Toronto to buy a tie, and found that the price charged was exactly three times what the same article would have cost him in England.

"We have had a taste of protection in England for the past few years," continued Mr. Moorhouse, "and what has it done? It has bolstered up the vested interests and made the cost of living almost unbearably high."

Being a manufacturing country, the speaker contended, England must buy where she can get her raw materials cheapest, and if giving a preference to the colonies meant increasing the cost of the goods it was essential to have from foreign countries, he did not think it could be done.

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## MEN DOING WELL IN LUMBER CAMPS

(To The Advocate.)

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Had another arrival from Labrador yesterday. Schooner "Rambler", H. G. Ivany Master, with three hundred quintals.

A wedding was solemnized here on Wednesday in Champney's East C. of E. Church, the contracting parties being Miss Sarah Walters of Champney's, and Mr. Greenland of Bay Roberts.

Most of the Ladies have their berry seines out lately and are making very good hauls. The Partridge berries are more plentiful than they have been for many years.

A heavy electric storm raged here and vicinity last Thursday night, and damaged a house of the Late Mr. Arthur Lander of Port Rexton.

Our men are doing well in the lumber camps at Millertown and Badger.

The Schooner Pearl, Frampton Master, left here on Monday with a load of new fish for Headquarters U. T. Co.

Wishing the "Advocate" every success.

E. CORRESPONDENT.  
Champney's.

### STORE BLOWN UP.

LONDON, Sept. 27—Cork was shaken by great explosion at an early hour this morning, one of the largest dry goods stores in the city was completely demolished. Explosion was followed by sound of rifle and machine gun fire, says despatch to Evening News. Several persons were sleeping on the premises at the time and, despatch declares, military authorities allege bombs were placed inside the windows. Serious rioting in Belfast and a number of wounded persons were received in hospitals. Large forces of troops with armored cars are patrolling streets.

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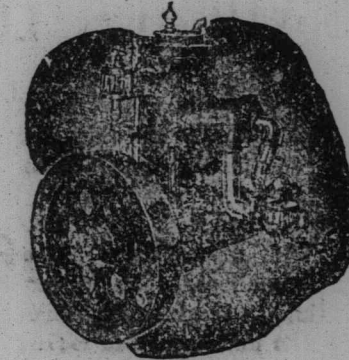
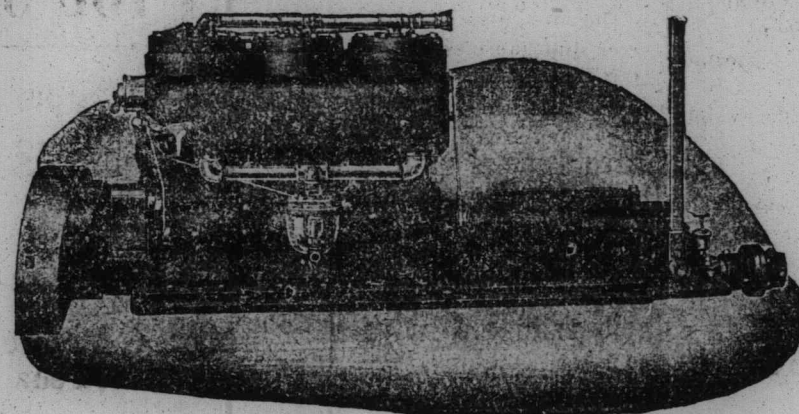
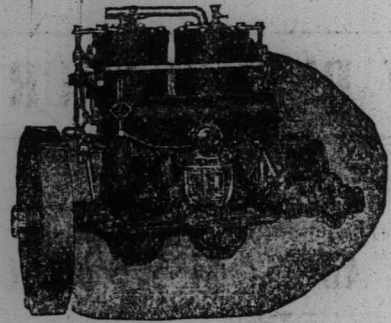
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