

FOREIGN AFFAIRS DEBATED.

NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN CANADA  
AND THE UNITED STATES.

A Full Report Asked For—It Has Gone  
To Downing-Street First—Laurier  
Thinks There Was a Protocol—No  
More Tariff Debates Till the Govern-  
ment Policy is Announced.

OTTAWA, Feb. 6.—To-day's session of the House was a short one, adjournment taking place at 8 o'clock, but it was a good deal of useful business was done in the way of answering questions and passing motions for papers.

Mr. Lepine introduced his bill making eight hours a legal day's work on Government works, which was read for the first time.

Mr. Campbell was informed by Sir Adolphe Caron that the postmaster at Guilda, Kent County, Ontario, had resigned and his son had been appointed in his place.

Sir John Thompson stated in reply to Mr. Gosselle that the Government had paid about \$13,000 as costs in the legal contest over the question of the right of the Manitoba Legislature to abolish separate schools, and there was a little more to pay, but he did not know how much.

He also stated that it was not the intention of the Government to bear the expenses connected with the hearing of the Manitoba minority by the Governor-General in Council.

Three questions with reference to the Royal Commission on the liquor traffic, which were agreed on at the meeting of the Privy Council in the afternoon, were asked by Messrs. Scrivner and Dickcy.

Liquor Traffic Enquiry.  
Hon. Mr. Foster in reply stated that the Government expected to receive the report of the commission in a few days, and that it was intended to place a sum in the estimates for having the report printed, and that if the report was received early enough it would be presented and distributed before next session.

Mr. Devlin, in replying to Mr. Dickey as to the question of the contractor for coal for the public buildings at Ottawa, said that the contract for anthracite was let to C. G. Ray & Co. at \$5.75 per ton, and a contract for bituminous had been let, as the Government had enough on hand at its workshops in Sorel, and that for several years past the Government had specified in calling for tenders for bituminous coal that it was to be Nova Scotia coal.

In making his motion for all the papers in the Manitoba School case, Hon. Mr. Laurier said that he considered the case as a sub-judice, and therefore would not say anything on the merits of the case. All he desired was to have all the papers brought down so that they might be read and studied by the House.

Several motions that cover coal oil to be placed on free importation were made, but were allowed to stand, it being understood that there will not be any more tariff debates until after Hon. Mr. Foster has announced the Government's tariff policy.

Mr. Smith (Ontario) in moving for copies of orders in council in relation to the exportation of wheat in bulk for exportation, took occasion to speak against the proposal made by the Hon. Mr. Lester, packers that the hog quarantine regulations should be relaxed so as to facilitate the importation of hogs, and that for slaughter during the spring when Canadian hogs were scarce, so as to keep the pork packing establishments going.

Mr. Smith proposed that any American hogs may be imported in such large quantities as to give the market and materially affect the price of Canadian hogs.

Foreign Envoys.  
The debate of the day sprang up on Mr. Tisdale's motion for copies of all correspondence, papers and documents not already before the House, in reference to the negotiations and communications between the Government and the United States in reference to reciprocity, canal tolls and working and towing.

Hon. Mr. Lester said that all the information possible had been given with respect to whether or not the matter had been settled.

At times he goes to the village, but cannot be induced to enter a house. The villagers are as a loss to know how he keeps himself comfortable in his dreary dwelling.

PAYMENTS UNUSUALLY GOOD  
AND THE PERCENTAGE OF RE-NEWALS LOWER THAN USUAL

Prospects Bright for an Active Spring Trade—The Leading Wholesalers Well Satisfied With the Remittances Due on Feb. 4.—Everything Passed Off Quietly.

The country is a healthy one. The counting house clerks in our big dry goods stores were kept busy yesterday keeping tab on the remittances which kept flowing in all day long from retailers throughout the country.

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THE LOYAL OLIVER HAS NO BUSINESS ON THAT TOBOGGAN.

Sir Oliver is stoutly against Annexation and knows how to deal with Annexationists; but his present trade policy is pro-American and, as a necessary consequence, anti-British, and his future political program looks to the separation of Canada from the Empire.

The world's special reporter, after a drive of 20 miles through fields and over fences, has just returned from the scene of this most unfortunate disaster.

The striking committee withdrew and brought in some resolutions, which were referred to a sub-committee.

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THE AUSTRALIAN DOWNED.

Knocked Out in the Seventh Round.

First Round—Murphy started in, bent upon doing his man at once, but Griffin landed a hard left, which drove Murphy back. The round was of the hurricane order.

Second Round—Griffin fought the liveliest kind of slug-fighting. They went to fighting constantly and the punching was of the fastest kind.

Third Round—Murphy landed a hard right, which drove Griffin back. The fight was bulldog-like during the balance of the round.

Fourth Round—The game was a trifle hot for Murphy and he adopted shifty tactics, only closing in when he got a good opening. Griffin had to force the fighting. Murphy was very clever at long range, but Griffin was aware of that fact and faced the fighting all his own way.

Fifth Round—Griffin gave Murphy some terrific jabs and had four groggy, forcing him to the floor four times. Griffin was very clever at long range, but Griffin was aware of that fact and faced the fighting all his own way.

Sixth Round—The men had no time in getting to work, but it was smash bang with both hands all through the round. Griffin landed a hard right, which drove Murphy back. The fight was bulldog-like during the balance of the round.

Seventh Round—Murphy started in to do some heavy work, but Griffin met and landed on his nose with his right. They came together like mad bulls and Murphy forced Griffin to the floor. When he arose Griffin was fighting with his arms like windmills. They rushed each other like demons. When Griffin shot out his hands, which he called his arms, into the air, Murphy's stomach, which was swelling completely knocked out. When Murphy broke his wrist in the eighth round, the fight was over.

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SAT DOWN AND DIED.

Mr. J. Sprigg of Kingston a Victim of Heat—Faint—Died in His Study.

On arriving at his home about 10.30 p.m. he was exhausted and going for a walk. He was sitting in a chair, took a bad turn and expired at 11.30. The cause of death was heart failure.

THE PROBABLES ARE THAT IT WILL BE THE YOUNG CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION TO EXPLORE MR. J. A. McILWAIN'S MOTION TO EXPULSE MR. J. A. McILWAIN AS BEING AN OFFICER IN THE CONTINENTAL UNION ASSOCIATION. THE MATTER WAS FINALLY REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO SEE IF MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORGANIZATION WAS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THAT OF THE YOUNG CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.

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Twenty Families Make a Dash for Their Lives.

Explosion of Gas in a Cellar—A Clerk Would Take a Canale to Inspect—He Received a Sheet of Flame in His Face—A Wild Shriek of Terror Followed.

New York, Feb. 6.—Fires caused by an explosion in the cellar destroyed the double five-story tenement-house No. 423 West Thirty-ninth-street at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon. The building was occupied by 20 families. John Peterson, a gas inspector in the employ of the Equitable Gas Company, who was in the cellar when the explosion occurred, was killed.

The grocery of John Washman and the liquor store of G. P. Ray were on the ground floor. As the gas in the cellar beneath the grocery store had been leaking for some time, the Equitable Gas Company was notified and they sent Gas Inspector Peterson. He went down into the cellar at 4 o'clock. He was there about 20 minutes when Professor Washman heard groans, and lighting a candle started to investigate. As he was going into the cellar John Manning, an express driver, shouted that the cellar was full of gas. The grocer turned back, and Herbert McLaughlin, his clerk, took the Manning from his hand and walked towards the cellar.

Sheet of Flame Shot Out. As he opened the door a sheet of flame shot into his face. The sheet of flame was a thundering roar. Washman and Manning were thrown into the street. McLaughlin was hurled 10 feet by the force of the explosion. The big tenement shook with the force of the explosion. There was a wild shrieking of terror and on every floor women and children rushed to the windows and fire escapes. They made no effort to save their household goods, but struggled only for their lives. An Italian woman living in the rear of the fourth floor fled from her home, leaving her 2-year-old babe in its cradle. The little one would have perished had not the policeman and firemen gone through the apartment.

Many of the victims were removed to the hospitals. The tenants saved nothing but what they wore. The building was damaged \$50,000.

THEY STUCK TO THE N.P.

Young Conservatives Take No Stock in the Tariff Reform Act.

The first business at last night's meeting of the Young Conservatives was the consideration of Mr. J. A. McIlwain's motion to expel Mr. James G. Stewart as being an officer in the Continental Union Association. The matter was finally referred to the Executive Committee to see if membership in the organization was incompatible with that of the Young Conservative Association. In reference to the matter a letter was read from Mr. Curry challenging the right of the Young Conservative Association to expel him for such a reason. He quoted Sir John Thompson's doctrine, that political leaders cannot choose their supporters, and that the majority of the party has a right to expel any member who is not in sympathy with the party.

This ended the matter, and the discussion of the matter was taken up by W. H. Scott, C. F. Gallagher, J. Cassin, D. G. B. O'Rourke, J. B. O'Rourke, J. Wilson, J. S. Boddy, R. Haulton, J. S. Spence and F. C. Cross took part in the debate, and the resolution was finally adopted in the following resolution: "Whereas the policy of the Canadian party has been to support the National Policy, and whereas the late Sir John Macdonald in 1878, and known as the National Policy, has knitted together the provinces of Canada, and has made the Dominion of Canada a united and indivisible whole, and whereas the best interests of this Dominion are best served by a policy of confidence in the great future of our country, and whereas a continuance of our policy is essential to the further development and welfare of the country, this association desires to place on record its conclusion that it is its duty to support the National Policy of Canada, and to oppose any measure which tends to weaken or to destroy it, and that in the future, as in the past, be adjusted and administered by our own hands in Ottawa in the best interests of Canada."

BEST LIKE THE DR.'S MEDICINE.

All the Audiences Except One Repeated the Name of the Lord's Prayer.

The St. Andrew's Brotherhood held an enthusiastic mass meeting in the school-room of St. James' Cathedral last night to receive the report of the delegates who went from Toronto to the Kingston convention. Mr. N. F. Davidson, president of the Toronto Brotherhood, occupied the chair, and read a paper giving an outline of the report. Papers were also read by Rev. J. S. Brown and Rev. J. S. Brown. Mr. Brown told of meeting and by an atheist (a doctor of Kingston) to read a paper against Christianity. The St. Andrew's Brotherhood heard the doctor's arguments and upheld Christianity. After both sides had heard every man in the house, excepting the doctor, arose and repeated the Lord's Prayer.

PATRICK WARD FROZEN.

He Tried to Walk Eight Miles in a Blizzard.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 6.—Patrick Ward, a resident of Swift Current, was frozen to death Saturday, while attempting to walk to a house eight miles across the prairie during a blizzard. He was only a mile from his destination when he was exhausted. He leaves an invalid wife and a child in Toronto or Montreal.

Just Resolved.

Eight cases of men's furnishings all the next offices in men's neckties, waistcoats, socks, etc. will be sold at one price, and the men's shirts, also unaltered shirts only 20c each. Our 25c shirts are now only 15c each. Our 35c shirts are now only 25c each. Our 45c shirts are now only 35c each. Our 55c shirts are now only 45c each. Our 65c shirts are now only 55c each. Our 75c shirts are now only 65c each. Our 85c shirts are now only 75c each. Our 95c shirts are now only 85c each. Our 1.00 shirts are now only 95c each. Our 1.10 shirts are now only 1.05 each. Our 1.20 shirts are now only 1.15 each. Our 1.30 shirts are now only 1.25 each. Our 1.40 shirts are