

BRITISH ENDORSE ACTION OF CANADA

Reciprocity With U.S. Will Benefit Old Country Says Haldane.

Canadian Associated Press.
London, May 18—In the House of Lords, Earl Selborne directed attention to the probable effect of reciprocity on Canadians birthright. He said that it was but right that they should work out their own salvation but when the action of one part of the Empire affected the United Kingdoms we had a right, indeed, a responsibility to consider the question.

President Taft's speech had shown a complete misapprehension as to the ideas of tariff reformers and imperial preferentials. It was no part of their policy to establish a Chinese wall in any part of the Empire. He advo-

ated preference first within the Empire and afterwards each part could make its own arrangements.

The ratification of the agreement, the earl concluded, would place this country in a position of extraordinary difficulty.

Overestimated Damage.

Baron Lucas, parliamentary under secretary to the war office, replied

for the government, said the Earl of Selborne greatly overestimated the damage to the trade of the United Kingdom and the difficulties that might arise from the reciprocity agreement. Canada was perfectly within her statutory rights and the

government could not interfere. The United Kingdom never could offer Canada the same advantages as could the United States and must give Canada a fair field for promoting her own prosperity as she thought best.

War Secretary Haldane who recently was elected to the peerage, said that it was the policy of the govern-

ment to give the people of Canada every facility to do the best they could for themselves. The government held that it was not to the disadvantage of the United Kingdom that Canada should develop trade conditions with the United States

"We hold," continued the secretary, "that Canada with a great trade on this kind, cannot fail to be a more prosperous Canada, affording a better market for our goods and able to do more trade with ourselves. Therefore, from every point of view we look upon the step she is taking as probably a very good step in our in-

terests as well as in the interests of Canada. It is not for us to inter-meddle in her policies. We do not think it a good thing to attempt to guide or influence the policy of our great dominions in the matters of trade. We are free traders and in-

TWO MEN DROWNED IN THE SKEENA RIVER

Prince Rupert Port Engineer of
Foley, Welch & Stewart, and
Fireman on Steamer Drowned by
Overturning of a Row-boat.

vancouver, B.C., May 18.—A despatch from Prince Rupert late to-night says: "As the result of a row-boat overturning in the canyon on the Skeena river, E. Tully, port engineer for Foley, Welch & Stewart, and Wm. Grant, fireman of the steamer Skeena, were drowned. The men were as

ling down the river from Kitselan to Kitsumkalum, where Tully was to join the steamer Omneca. How the accident happened is at present unknown. The upturned boat was found by the steamer Port Simpson. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

ered. Tully was aged about forty years and his home was in Los Angeles. Little was known of Grant here.

HE THINKS CANADIAN

GRAIN IS INFERIOR

Governor of Michigan Thinks His
Country Has Nothing to Fear From
Competition of Canadian Products

Under Reciprocity.

Washington, D.C., May 17—The address of Governor Osborne of Michigan on the Canadian reciprocity bill was featured today before the senate finance committee. Governor Osborne

expressed the opinion that Canada could not compete with the U. S. in the growing of wheat or in any of the other ways in those opposed to the treaty feared.

He said he looked at the pact in a broader way than a fiscal one and that the great benefit this country

would derive from the passage of the bill would be that in future, "better friendship would ensue." If either side would benefit in a commercial way from the treaty, the United States he said would. He believed the wheat raised in Canada was inferior to that of this country and that the wheat

When Senator McCumber, of North Dakota, read figures to prove that Canada was a formidable opponent of the United States in the amount of

wheat and other grains produced. Governor Osborne said that the statistics probably were from "railroad and speculative representatives," intended to boom northwestern Canada. He said he would favor entire free trade with both Canada and Mexico but not with the other nations. The United

States is becoming a world market, he said, and needs the raw materials, which it might obtain from Canada.

Arrested at Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, May 17—An information received from Winnipeg, Nicholas

Ward, wanted there on a fraud charge, was arrested last night in this city by Detectives Martinson and Wirtensohn and is now being held at the central station.
