

MR. GUTHRIE MAKES STRONG RECIPROCIY DEFENCE

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—A sound speech on the Government's reciprocity position was delivered to the Canadian commons yesterday by Hugh Guthrie, the brilliant Liberal member for Ontario. He followed Mr. Burrel, of British Columbia, who had prophesied the ruin of the British Columbia fruit industry and proclaimed a similar fate for the British Empire.

There was some preliminary interest in a statement by Sir Wilfrid on Champ Clark's speech.

Before the orders of the day were taken up Colonel Sam Hughes read a Washington despatch to a Montreal paper in which Champ Clark, the Democratic leader, was quoted as stating in Congress yesterday that the United States, through the reciprocity agreement, was "preparing to annex Canada." He wanted to know if the Government had any information concerning the matter, and what its intentions were concerning it.

"I have not had my attention drawn to it until this moment," replied Sir Wilfrid Laurier. "I have only to say that the policy of the Government is already settled, but," he added smiling, "if some nefarious intention of the kind mentioned in this article should be put into action, and the worst come to the worst, I shall call upon my honorable friend, as a gallant soldier, to dispose of it and guard our interests."

"Does the Prime Minister place the matter in my hands officially," queried the colonel. "If so, I shall proceed to Washington immediately," quoth he, laughing.

Mr. Middleboro was anxious to find out whether, if the agreement had passed Congress on such representations, it would, in any way, alter the position of the Canadian Government.

"I have already answered," briefly responded Sir Wilfrid.

Martin Burrel (Yale-Caribou), in continuing his argument from Tuesday night dwelt on the disastrous effects which the agreement would have on the fruit raisers of British Columbia. He declared that never before in the history of Canada had a great interest been so suddenly and ruthlessly

bereft of the tariff protection on which it was relying. In British Columbia, during the past ten years, despite difficulties of transportation, scarcity and high cost of labor and irrigation, great progress had been made in fruit-raising and now there were over five million trees in the orchards. Millions had been invested in plantings, on the continuance of tariff protection. But now, when the fruit men were beginning to get firmly established, the Government threw down all bars against unfair American competition. It meant the practical ruin of thousands of men who had invested their all in fruit lands and could only be termed sheer cruelty. He pointed out that even with the present protection the fruit raisers had to combat American competition which dumped surplus products on the Canadian market at very low rates. He charged that the Government had deceived the fruit men.

"Canada is young, vigorous, progressive," said Mr. Guthrie, who followed. "She is strong in the enthusiasm of achievement. She cannot afford to listen to the counsel of the timid, the faint-hearted, the pessimist. She must be up and doing, ever going ahead. She cannot sit down and fold her arms, close her eyes, and murmur: 'Let well enough alone.' She can retire from business altogether, but she is not doing that. She knows that if she is not moving forward, there is no standing still. And the policy of the Government, since it took office in 1896, year by year, has been forward, forward, forward!"

With thoroughness and detail he analyzed the terms of the agreement, demonstrated the advantages which must accrue from it.

INDIAN CORONATION DURBAR IN DECEMBER

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—A Herald special cable from London says it is now definitely settled that the Indian coronation durbar shall be at Delhi, the ancient state of the house of Timur on December 12 of this year. Thus the ceremony, which will be of overwhelming magnitude will avoid any of the native feasts that fall due about at the beginning of the new year.

Arrangements for the durbar are already in the hands of Sir J. Hewitt, who has been released of his duties as one of the provincial lieutenant-governors to prepare for the historical event. After the durbar ceremonies, which will last a week, the King and Queen will visit Khatiwandu, the capital of the independent native state of Nehal lying between Bengal and Tibet. The journey to Khatiwandu is one of the most fascinating that can be made in India. There is no railroad and the royal party will have to travel by road into the beautiful country of the Himalayas. The road, however, is good, and as the best tiger shooting in India is to be had in the Nepalese Terai, it is probable a great shoot will be arranged. It is well known that King George is anxious to shoot an Indian rhino, and these creatures survive only in the Terai.

That the durbar will be in the old fort at Delhi and not in the open plain outside the city, was that of ten years ago, is no accident, but evidence of the great precautions of the Indian government against any opportunity for an attempt on the royal party by disloyal natives.

A BANKER SAYS RECIPROCIY MEANS BOOM FOR CANADA

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.—That Canada has secured a good bargain in the reciprocity agreement with the United States and that it will stimulate rather than check the investment of British capital in the dominion, is the opinion of Earl Grey, son-in-law of Earl Grey, member of the banking firm in Chaplin, Milne, Grenfell & Co. and chairman of the Canadian agency of one of the leading Canadian bond issues house in London.

In a cabled message which reached here Mr. Grenfell is quoted as giving the following interview in regard to the reciprocity: "From my recent trip to Canada, I am convinced that Canadians fully realize the progress and prosperity that have accrued to Canadian manufacturing and agricultural industries from cheap money sent out at a rate of over £30,000,000 per annum by English investors."

"I am confident that the first thing taken into consideration by the Canadian ministers, would be whether the reciprocity arrangement with the United States might affect securities against which these large investments have been made. I believe it will prove of inestimable advantage to Canada. Great material benefits will be derived by the whole dominion in both agricultural and manufacturing industries from the opening of American markets."

"The future prosperity of Canada must be largely based on the soundness of its agricultural industry and the enhanced value of western farm lands will mean greater security to English investors. The free and large markets which reciprocity will open to the farmers of the west will cause greater demands for the products of the factories of the east."

"Canadian statesmen have taken advantage of the situation. It appears to me they have secured splendid terms for Canada in exchange for giving Americans what Americans could have taken for themselves at any time by simply lowering their tariff rail without asking permission from Canada."

"Investors in England will speedily realize many trade advantages derived by Canada through the reciprocity arrangement and will be more anxious to participate in opportunities offered by investing their money at high rates of interest, while assisting in the development of the British empire. I deeply regret to read the speeches made here by some tariff reformers who seem shortsighted. They appear to be as much wedded to doctrinaire preference as their political opponents are to theoretical free trade."

WANT REINSTATEMENT OF NAVAL COMMANDER

LISBON, Feb. 20.—The relations between the government and the navy have again almost reached breaking point, as a result of a demand by the navy for the reinstatement and the appointment to the command of the battleship Almirante Reis of Captain Jose Crejo, one of the naval heroes of the revolution, who had been pensioned off the active list by the former Premier on account of his disloyal attitude. The Master of Marine objects to Capt. Crejo holding this command as he believes such a concession will be tantamount to placing the government in the hands of the extremists, who are supporting the naval officers on their demands. The navy has expressed a determination to remove the minister of marine, Amaro Zevedo Comez, by force, and the minister of the interior, Antonio Almeida, who is very popular, has exhausted every argument to induce the extremists to repentance, pointing out that such a step would result inevitably in civil war. The extremists, however, stand firm. The government is contemplating contracting a loan to indemnify foreign and religious congregations, to which has been accorded the choice of restoration of their property or indemnity.

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GRADUATION RECITAL

SACKVILLE, N. B., Feb. 18.—One of the most successful graduating recitals ever held at the Mount Allison Conservatory of Music was given on last night by Miss Dorabelle Knight, violinist, of Amherst, N.S. Miss Knight carried through an extremely difficult program with exceptional ease and brilliance. Especially should she be congratulated on her fine rendering of the Concertos by Debussy and Viotti. The latter was accompanied by a string quintette, which added greatly to the effect produced. It is seldom that a school has under her care at one time such a group of exceedingly musical students as appeared last night in this Viotti number. Great credit is due Miss Ayer, Director of the Violin Department, for the manner in which she has developed these pupils.

Those taking part in the quintette and septette were Misses Lennie Lusby, Amherst, N. S.; Mabel Leaman, Truro, N. S.; and Myrtle King, Boston, Mass.; and Elmer Ross, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; Walter Buzgley, Bear River, N. S.; Carl Pickard, Gilchrist Allan, Raymond Horsall and Cedric Ryan, Sackville, N. B.

IN LOVING MEMORY.
Of beloved wife and mother, Mrs. D. A. Nicholson of Kinlock, who went to eternal rest February 22, 1909. "Gone, but not forgotten."

HOOKWORM IS ACTIVE IN THE GOLD MINES

SACRAMENTO, Feb. 18.—All the gold mines of California are more or less infested by the hookworm, says special inspector Herbert Gunn of the State Board of Health in the current report issued by that body. From 50 to 80 per cent. of the miners in California and Nevada mines are afflicted, and the disease is particularly active in Jackson and Sutter Creek, Amador County, and in Virginia City, Nev. Dr. Gunn reached his conclusion after an exhaustive investigation of the mines in which he noted carefully the health of the miners and their habits. He believes the hookworm has secured a foothold in California and recommends that it be made a reportable disease by the health boards.

FARMER SIGNS A MILLION WILL BY MARK

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Although John Lahey, a farmer of Lakeville, L. I., could neither read nor write, his will, as filed, disposes of an estate estimated to be worth \$1,000,000. The will bears a cross for John Lahey, his mark.

Lahey was born in County Tipperary, Ireland. As a young man he settled on Long Island and became a truck farmer on a very large scale. He married twice and had 22 children. W. K. Vanderbilt owns property adjoining his farm, but although Mr. Vanderbilt is said to have offered many times to buy, Lahey would never sell.

WOMAN STARTS PAPER TO FIGHT GRAFT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 18.—Miss Virginia Brooks, vice crusader, of West Hammond, who sprang into the limelight by her fight against corrupt politicians at the recent elections, has assumed the editorship of the Searchlight, a newspaper which will be issued twice a week.

The Searchlight is designed to attack graft, and Miss Brooks declares she will spare no guilty man. She is not only editor, but advertising manager, circulation manager and publisher as well.

DEBATE ON THE BRULE ROUTE YESTERDAY

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—Yesterday Mr. A. Warburton introduced his Charlottetown-Tatamagouche resolution in an hour's speech. He went fully into the subject and made a strong plea for this as the winter route.

He was followed by J. W. Richards, E. M. McDonald, L. E. Prowse, Christolm, and Stanfield.

Mr. McDonald waxed warm in denunciation of the proposition and in praise of the Pictou route, reading a long letter from the Pictou pilot of the Earl Grey. The question of the coal used was also brought up and was somewhat fully ventilated. The Minister in speaking went into the matter in detail and in great ability. Mr. Warburton wound up with a reply to statements made by Mr. McDonald. The debate continued all the afternoon and till ten o'clock last night.

MATTRESS WAS USED AS A LIFE NET

HUDSON, Mass., Feb. 18.—Awakened by the sound of crackling flames and unable to make her escape by the stairway, Mrs. O. W. Watson of Gospel Hill threw a mattress out of the second story window, dropped her two children onto it and then jumped herself.

She had no time to dress and barefooted the trio made their way to the nearest neighbor's house, a quarter of a mile away, leaving a trail of blood from their bruised and bleeding feet on the snow and ice.

The children, Francis, 5, and Lillian, 7, both had their feet badly lacerated, and Mrs. Watson had several toes frozen.

Mr. Watson had been called to Boston the night before by the death of a friend. The house was practically destroyed, with a loss of upwards of \$1500. The fire is supposed to have started from an overheated stove."

JAPAN OBJECTS TO ANGLO-JAPANESE CONVENTION

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Japan has denounced the Anglo-Japanese convention of 1906 regulating the commercial relations between Canada and Japan. The convention will expire in July.

STEAMER KILKEEL IN ICE

HALIFAX, Feb. 21.—Breaking the bondage which the ice-pack had enforced for three weeks in the harbor of Port Hastings, the Government steamer Stanley released, yesterday, the steamer Kilkeel, coal laden, which had long been frozen in there and opened the port to shipments.

UNITED STATES MASTER THE PANAMA CANAL

PARIS, Feb. 21.—The Panama Canal was the subject of a lecture last night, by M. Derousiers, Professor of Political Economy, before the Franco-American Committee. Professor Derousiers said that the United States could, when the canal was completed, be complete master of the situation.

Although the treaties guaranteed equal treatment to all nations, the United States could discriminate in favor of American ships trading between two American ports.

URGE PRESIDENT TAFT TO HALT RUSSIA

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Strong protest against Russia's treatment of Jews, as American citizens, have returned to the Czar's country on business or to visit relatives, was made to President Taft last week by representatives of three large Jewish organizations of the United States. President Taft and several government officials received the Jewish representatives at the White House. The Jewish representatives were Simon Wolf of Washington, president of the B'nai B'rith; Jacob Schiff of New York, president of the American Jewish committee; Bernhard Bellman of Cincinnati, honorary president of the Union of Hebrew Congregations; Judge Sulzberger of Philadelphia and Lewis Marshall of New York, representing the Union of Hebrew Congregations. The government officials present were Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel, Assistant Secretary of State Wilson and Justice Julian W. Mack of the Court of Commerce.

This conference was the most important yet held during the Taft administration on the question of the United States taking steps to compel Russia to recognize the rights of Jewish natives of that country who have been naturalized in the United States.

The conference was brought about as the result of a call made upon the President and other officials recently by Mr. Bellman, who brought to Washington a resolution that had been unanimously passed at recent meeting of the Union of Hebrew Congregations, calling upon the United States to abrogate the existing treaty of commerce and navigation with Russia. The treaty was adopted in 1832, and for many years has been absolute in its effects, in that it does not specifically demand the desired protection of Jews by the Russian government.

While no announcement of the President's purpose in the matter was officially given out, he gave the delegation assurances that their complaints would be taken up by the State Department.

CHINESE STUDENTS PETITION BRITISH KING

PEKIN, Feb. 20.—A quaint and pathetic appeal to His Majesty King George, to suppress the export of Indian opium to China, is made by students and literati in all parts of this Empire on behalf of the Chinese people.

The memorial is being circulated by the National Opium Suppression Society, of which Hon. Lin Bin-Chang, grandson of that famous Viceroy, whose gallant fight against the deadly drug brought on the opium war, is president.

It is announced that thousands of signatures have been obtained, and that when the number reaches two hundred thousand the papers will be forwarded to London for presentation by the Chinese Minister to the Court of St. James.

The petitioners say, "We believe that this will be the greatest memorial of your Majesty's reign."

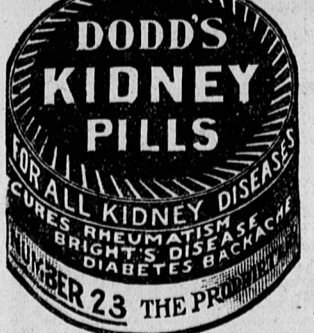
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PRESIDENT ON RECIPROCIY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—"I really believe that with the consummation of the Canadian reciprocity agreement there will be a drawing together of the two great nations, but a drawing together by closer business and social relations and not by political union," declared President Taft last night, at Centennial Celebration Banquet of Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the district of Columbia.

The President followed Henry S. Bridges, Grand Master of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, who spoke of the good will of Canadians toward the United States in the Canadian reciprocity negotiations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—Senator Aitch, chairman of the finance committee of the Senate, has written to President Taft that he favors the confirmation of the Canadian reciprocity agreement.

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FLOATED ON ICE CAKE TILL RESCUEE

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 20.—For a long half hour yesterday afternoon, Fred Lambert and Bert Fox, both about 17 years of age, were adrift on a piece of ice only a few yards square on Lake Ontario. Their rescue by Stanley Cleveland in a boat, which had to be carried nearly half a mile over the ice, before the open water was reached, was witnessed and applauded by crowds of people who saw the incident.

\$75,000 FIRE AT MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Feb. 19.—Fire this morning did \$75,000 damage to the wholesale grocery warehouse of D. C. Brousseau & Company, Notre Dame Street. Included in this amount is the loss sustained by the Regina Shoe Company of \$25,000 worth of stock stored in the Brousseau building.

A LITTLE TALK WITH MEN ONLY

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