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COMMONS VOTE ON FOOD TAXATION

Attack Led by Winston Churchill to Catch the Free Fooders—Chamberlain's Reply—Churchill's Motion Rejected by Decreased Majority.

LONDON, March 8.—(Special.)—A most serious attack on the Government took place tonight when Winston Churchill introduced a resolution declaring that the permanent unity of the British Empire could not be secured through a system of Preferential Duties based on the protective taxation of food. It was aimed to force the free-fooders into the Opposition ranks and to divide the House, not on party lines, but on Chamberlain's policy. Several speakers were heard and in reply Mr. Chamberlain declared that the question would ultimately have to be settled by the country and he had not introduced it, because he considered the discussion would be fruitless. Churchill's resolution was defeated by 200 to 302.

GEN. KUROPATKIN AGAIN DEFEATED

His Army in Full Retreat—Great Victory for Oyama's Forces which are Now North of Mukden—Battle Rages Around the Imperial Tombs.

MUKDEN, March 8.—(Special.)—The Japanese last night attacked the Russian positions north of Mukden and the Russians were forced to fall back. The Japs are concentrating on the west front and this may be the last despatch from Mukden as the telegraph line is threatened. The battle is in full progress. LATER The Russian army is evacuating its positions south of Mukden. A heavy cannonading is in progress north west of the city causing the walls of houses here to tremble. An engagement is in progress at the Imperial tombs.

EARLY CLOSING IN MONTREAL

All Must Close at 7 O'clock on Wednesday and Thursday Evenings.

MONTREAL, March 8.—(Special.)—The civic by-law closing all stores at 7 o'clock went into force tonight.

The only places allowed to keep open on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of each week are the tobacco stores, news stands, saloons and places of like nature.

THE HARDEST PAIN TO ENDURE Is the pain of a tender corn, but experience proves that corns are cured quickest by Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor, which acts in twenty-four hours. Putnam's never burns or causes sores. The only painless cure is Putnam's. Use no other.

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AN ISLAND ARTIST NOW LIVING IN NEW YORK CITY

Fast Coming to the Front as one of the Leading Portrait Artists of America

A. A. McLeod well Known Especially to the People of Belfast of which He is a Native--Some of the Famous People he has Portrayed.



A. A. McLEOD.

A noted Island Artist who is fast coming to the front in New York City.

It will be of interest to the readers of The Guardian especially many of the Belfast friends to learn that A. A. McLeod, son of A. Alexander MacLeod, formerly of Belfast, is fast coming to the front as one of the leading portrait artists in America and is now employed by Col. Theo. C. Marceau of New York City, one of the leading and most enterprising photographers in the U. S. and who has just opened in Boston on Jan. 16th, last one of the most magnificent galleries of photography and portraiture on the American Continent.

Col. Marceau has also two fine galleries in New York City also one in Los Angeles, Cal. The Boston gallery above referred to was fitted up at an expense of \$50,000. This photographer caters exclusively to the millionaire lovers of art. Mr. McLeod made the life size portrait of Mrs. Geo. Gould and her daughter which was on exhibition at the opening of Marceau gallery in Boston. Mrs. Gould is the daughter-in-law of the late J. Gould.

Mr. McLeod is located at present at the 5th Ave. gallery in New York City. Within the past two years Mr. McLeod has painted portraits of many prominent and leading citizens of the United States and Europe. Among them are the following:—

Theo. Roosevelt, President of the United States.
Gen. Nelson A. Miles U. S. A.
Ex. Gov. Boutwell, Mass. (Secy. of War under Grant.)
Late Admiral Belknap, Brookline, Mass.
Chas. M. Schwab, Steel Magnate, Pittsburg, Pa.

Ex. Secy. Navy, John D. Long, Mass.
Ex. Mayors Low, Douglas and Snow of Brockton, Mass.
Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Mass.
Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, Melrose, Mass.
Ex. Secy. Navy, Elihu Root, New York.
Rear Admiral Farquhar, U. S. Navy.
Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Ricker, prop. Poland Springs Hotel, Me.
Chief Justice U. S. Supreme Court, Melville W. Fuller, Washington, D. C.
Admiral George Dewey, U. S. Navy.
Adj. Gen'l Corbin, Washington, D. C.
Mrs. Judge Bond, Boston, Mass.
Wm. P. Frye, Pres. U. S. Senate.
Late Marcus A. Hanna, Senator Geo. F. Hoar, Washington, D. C.
Robert Treat Paine, Boston, Mass.
Lieut. Gov. Timothy L. Woodruff, Albany, N. Y.
Late Enoch Paige of Boston, Mass.
Mrs. Enoch Paige of Boston, Mass.
Late Capt. Ronald Doherty, Cardigan, Prince Edward Island.

Late Mrs. Donald Doherty, Cardigan, Prince Edward Island.
Prof. Emerson, Emerson College, Boston, Mass.
Alderman Coveny, Cambridge, Mass.
Late Henry D. Hyde, Pres. Equitable Life Ins. Co. New York.
Col. Clowrey, Pres. Western Union Tel. Co. New York.
Cong. W. R. Hearst, Washington, D. C.
Ex. Mayor Glines, Somerville, Mass.
Mrs. Leopold Morse, Danvers, Mass.
Charles E. Taylor, Boston, Mass.
One more bright star for Prince Edward Island.

NERVOUS, SICK HEADACHE

Mrs. O. BARBER, Simcoe, Ont., writes:—"I was troubled for a long time with headaches, which would come on about once a week with such violence that I could not get out or do my work. I tried headache powders and quick cures, which did me no good. About eight months ago I took six boxes of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and I have not been troubled with headache since."

FINANCE REPORT OF NOVA SCOTIA

Submitted by Premier Murray—Coal Royalties Make Half the Revenue—Government Urged to Make Rebate on Shipments West and to Aid Farmers.

HALIFAX, March 8.—(Special.)—Premier Murray brought down the financial returns in the House of Assembly this afternoon. The total revenue for the year was \$1,194,755, which is \$43,000 less than last year. The royalties from coal amounted to \$585,252, half of the entire revenue. Succession duties yielded \$40,901. The Premier showed a surplus of \$33,200. C. E. Tanner, Opposition leader, asked the Government to take energetic measures to enable Nova Scotia coal to reach the Ontario market. He urged on them that they press the Dominion Govern-

ment to make better transportation facilities for coal shipments, to increase the duty and the provincial Government was recommended to remit the royalty of ten cents a ton for five years on coal going to Ontario and to make a further period of five years. Mr. Tanner said he did this on the ground that it was more important to cultivate interprovincial than foreign trade. The failure of the hay crop and the state of the roads in Nova Scotia has put the farming community in a bad plight and Mr. Tanner asked for a grant to assist the farmers in procuring seed and purchasing hay for the lack of which in many cases the cattle are starving.

JURY DIVIDED IN CALDER'S CASE

Half of Them Believing Him Insane—To Be Tried on Another Charge Today.

SYDNEY, March 8.—(Special.)—The jury in the case of Rev. W. R. Calder tonight failed to agree after eleven hours deliberation and were discharged. The jury were equally divided on a verdict of insanity.

The charge against Calder was indecent exposure and the evidence was of the most disgusting character.

Judge Townshend remarked that he could scarcely conceive of a sane man resorting to such degrading conduct.

The defence produced evidence of insanity. Calder will be tried tomorrow for assaulting his wife.

WEATHER FORECAST.

TORONTO, March 9.—(Special.)—Moderate to fresh north westerly to northerly winds, fair and moderately cold.

THE TEMPERATURE.

The weather was mild all day yesterday the thermometer ranging from 20 to 30 above zero.

FOR THE YOUNG HOUSEWIFE.

Young housewives and girls that are training for the responsibilities of a household will find much that is useful in the little papers contributed to The Delineator by Isabel Gordon Curtis under the title "The Making of a Housewife." In the April number the topic is "Planning a Week's Work, and Wash-Day." The author suggests an economical distribution of time and labor that will recommend itself to all who read her remarks. Other features of domestic interest in the same number are illustrated cookery for Easter entertainment and a number of recipes under the topics, "Delicious Hot Breakfast Cakes," "Lenten Soups," Cheese as a Nutritive Article of Diet," and "Savory Varieties of the Homely Bread Pudding," besides a practical article on "Cleaning and Renovating Garments."

CABINET CRISIS STILL EXISTS

School Question No Nearer Settlement--Fielding and Mulock Have not Resigned.

OTTAWA, March 8.—(Special.)—In spite of all statements to the contrary the school question is no nearer a settlement than it was a week ago. Caucuses have been held without result and more will be necessary. There is no truth in the rumor that Fielding and Mulock have resigned.

The Mounted Police Department has received advices from the Police stationed at the mouth of the Mackenzie River, at Herschell Island, Arctic Ocean, reporting conditions there up to the end of November last. This information was carried 1000 miles by dog sled within the Arctic circle, 1000 miles by water, 3000 miles by rail, in all 6000 miles in midwinter, covering the entire distance in a little over two months.

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Copper	77 1/2	78 1/2
B. R. T.	66	65 1/2
Baltimore	108 1/2	109 1/2
C. P. R.	142 1/2	143 1/2
Erie	150	157
N. Y. Central	40 1/2	47 1/2
Illinois Central	138 1/2	139 1/2
Louisville and Na.	141 1/2	141 1/2
Manhattan	171 1/2	171
Metropolitan	122 1/2	122 1/2
Missouri Pacific	108 1/2	108 1/2
Pennsylvania	142 1/2	142 1/2
Reading	96	98 1/2
Sugar	140 1/2	145 1/2
Southern Pacific	69	69 1/2
St. Paul	177 1/2	178 1/2
Union Pacific	132 1/2	133
U. S. Steel	35 1/2	36 1/2
U. S. Steel Pref'd.	95	95 1/2
Dominion Steel	23 1/2	22 1/2
Dominion Steel Pref'd
Dom. Steel Bonds
Dominion Coal	71 1/2	72
Twin City	110	...
Colorado Fuel	50 1/2	50 1/2

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CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, March 8.—(Special.)—
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