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COMING BY WAY OF HALIFAX

Canadians Should be There About Oct. 24.

EXTRACT FROM COL. OTTER'S LATEST REPORT

The Losses of the Canadians up to The Present.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER]

OTTAWA, Sept. 29.—The following message from Lord Roberts, dated at Pretoria, has been received at the Militia Department:

"I do so, with the first portion of the Canadian regiment, should reach Halifax about Oct. 24th.

(Signed.) ROBERTS:

The inference from Lord Roberts' message is that the men who are returning will be carried direct to Halifax.

Col. Otter in his latest report says that he had called the attention of the imperial authorities to the near expiration of the Canadians' term of service, and adds: "Though loath to give them any idea that might be construed as a desire to evade further service, I cannot in justice to the officers and men of the battalion, ignore the very strong desire of the majority to return to their several vocations with the least possible delay, now that the campaign is practically over.

"On leaving Springs the strength of the regiment was about 600, but it was reduced to 400 by those left on the armored train these with the stores, and a number with bad feet, etc., who had to be weeded out." Col. Otter concludes: "From this you will see that I have with me quality if not quantity."

One hundred and nine Canadians to date have lost their lives in South Africa.

THE MINERS' STRIKE.

End Expected Next Week—Drop in Price.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—It is believed that the coal miners strike will come to an end early next week. The price of anthracite coal dropped fifty cents per ton here yesterday.

MOVEMENTS OF SIR CHARLES.

Liberal Nominee for Charlotte, N. B.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

ST. JOHN, N.B., Sept. 29.—Sir Charles Tupper passed through St. John yesterday en route to Cumberland. He is in splendid health and spirits.

The Liberals of Charlotte County, having failed to find a strong man willing to sacrifice himself, have nominated Robt. E. Armstrong, editor of the St. Andrew's Beacon, as their candidate for the House of Commons.

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The Liberal System of Cold Storage a Complete Failure, Causing Great Loss to Farmers—A Letter to Farmers from Sir Charles Tupper

To the Farmers of Canada:

Gentlemen,—The policy of Protection to native industries, which is an important part of the National Policy inaugurated by the Conservative party in 1879, was intended to foster manufacturing industries and give aid to the agricultural interests by such a readjustment of the tariff as would protect them against injurious and unfair competition, by foreigners, in the home market.

But the Liberal-Conservative party never considered that its work was done when the home market had been secured for the Canadian manufacturer and agriculturist. This was only a beginning, a mere earnest of the great far-reaching Industrial Policy which it is the mission of the party to carry out. While it is true that to make the Dominion industrially independent and great it must become a manufacturing as well as an agricultural country, yet agriculture is and must continue to be our most important industry; the mainstay of the country, upon whose welfare and prosperity all are dependent. Realizing this, the Conservative party has continuously sought, by legislation and otherwise, to foster the interests of the agricultural classes. It was the Conservative party and a Conservative Minister of Agriculture that commenced the first agricultural college and model farm, and it was the Conservative Government that first established experimental farms and conducted experiments in seed testing for the benefit of Canadian farmers. By the appointment of Dairy Commissioners and in other ways, they endeavored, with gratifying success, to promote the dairying interests of the Dominion, encouraging cheese factories and establishing and managing creameries and marketing their products.

An example of how our farmers may be benefited by wise legislation and by judicious governmental assistance is afforded by the history of the Canadian pork industry. By applying the protective tariff the home market was secured to our farmers to such an extent that, whereas in 1890 thirty-three million pounds of bacon were imported, only five million pounds were brought in in 1896, thus preserving the farmers a home market of twenty-five million pounds. At the same time, our exports of these meats had risen from eight million to thirty-five million pounds. That is, by the effect of the policy of the Conservative party, which was vehemently opposed by the Liberal politicians, the Canadian farmers had been given an additional yearly market for their hog products of seventy-two million pounds. Encouraged by the success which had attended their efforts in this direction, the Conservative Government proposed in 1896 to open up depots in the principal cities in Great Britain and Ireland, to advertise Canadian farm produce there and spend money in an effort to secure for our farmers that best of markets. Unfortunately, the Liberal leaders were able, by a resort to obstruction, to prevent the money placed in the estimates for this purpose being voted, and succeeded in defeating the plan. Needless to say, they have made no effort along the same or similar lines themselves. Realizing that in order to secure to our farmers the advantage of the almost limitless markets of the Mother

Country for their fresh meats, poultry, eggs, dairy products, fruit and other perishable articles, a well organized and efficient cold storage and transportation system, would have to be provided, the Conservative Government decided upon the establishment of such a system and began to inaugurate it, but the Liberals came into office. An essential part of this system was a fast Atlantic steamship service, fitted with the most improved refrigeration chambers, equal to those trading between Australia and Great Britain, and superior to those engaged in the New York trade enabling us to place our tender fruits and more perishable products on the British markets in from six to seven days. All arrangements were made for this, and a contract with reliable steamship men was ready for signing when the Liberals came into power and rejected the contract, and the whole project was dropped. The published reports of the Department of Agriculture show that it now requires on an average twenty days to place these perishable products on the British markets, instead of six or seven days, as the Conservative Government had arranged for. In other words, our farmers are condemned to stand the risk of loss involved in an extra two weeks' ocean voyage because of the bungling of an impractical government; a risk which has often meant to them the difference between a handsome profit and a total loss. Instead of carrying forward the Conservative policy in other directions with heartiness and vigor, the present Minister of Agriculture in 1899 reduced the appropriation for cold storage service by fifteen thousand dollars, notwithstanding the remonstrance of the Conservative Opposition; being under the belief, as evidenced by his remarks on the occasion, that the work had been finished, and that he had already established a complete and efficient cold storage system. The Minister had apparently succeeded in persuading himself that his system was identical with the one by which Australian and Californian produce is carried to the European markets, and yet the information given to him by his own officials and the facts in connection with the trade, which are open to every one, ought to have informed him that whereas Australian and Californian produce is placed on the European markets in prime condition and with hardly a fraction of loss, the loss sustained by Canadian shippers has been enormous and most discouraging.

The truth is that instead of having adopted or imitated the systems and appliances in use in the Australian trade, as the Minister either believes or affects to believe, we have adopted partially obsolete systems in most of the vessels, and there has been an inexcusable neglect of proper inspection and supervision over the fittings of those that are partially up to date. This want of supervision and inspection has resulted in variations of temperature in the compartments of from four to ten degrees and the consequent deterioration and destruction of great quantities of fruit and produce. So far as the evidence which the Government has been able to lay before Parliament or the evidence furnished by the departmental reports

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UNTENABLE POSITION OF THE GERMANS

France, Germany and Russia Agree

ACTION Milder than Germany's Proposal.

Probable Source of the Anti-Foreign Movement.

[SPECIAL TO THE EXAMINER.]

LONDON, Sept. 29.—Apparently the German retreat from an untenable position has been virtually accomplished. The Paris correspondent of the Post says: An agreement on the Chinese programme has been arranged between France, Germany and Russia. It will be submitted to the other powers in a few days. The action recommended will be milder than Germany's original proposal and it is expected that all the powers will accept the programme.

The Cologne Gazette, in another semi-official statement, apparently intended for consumption in the United States and England, points out the serious position resulting from Prince Tuan's ascendancy. The continued massacre of missionaries, converts and other indications show that the anti-foreign movement is decided from an influential centre.

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