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CHAMBERLAIN'S RESIGNATION.

The long expected cabinet crisis at London has arrived. Mr. Chamberlain, colonial secretary; Ritchie, chancellor of the exchequer, and Lord George Hamilton, secretary for India, have resigned as a result of their differences with the remaining members of the government on the fiscal question.

The only resignation that raises any great degree of interest or sensation is that of Mr. Chamberlain, easily the most prominent statesman in the Empire. Mr. Chamberlain is the father of the preferential trade policy throughout the Empire and did not feel free to exploit his proposals as a member of the cabinet. The arrangement he proposes involves a tax on food products, and while Premier Balfour is evidently espousing the general Chamberlain idea he is not prepared to go as far as the ex-colonial secretary.

Mr. Chamberlain's resignation is a serious loss to the ministry and may result in its defeat at the polls. The colonies will sincerely regret his absence from the colonial office, but they realize that in taking the course he has decided upon he is working in the interests of the colonies themselves, and all will wish him God speed in his campaign.

Mr. Balfour will doubtless be able to patch up his cabinet for the general elections which must soon follow, but he has no Chamberlains to call to his councils, and in the country as well as in parliament the government will sadly miss the great prestige and influence of the ex-colonial secretary.

The Liberals feel confident of success at the polls, but they are very much in need of a leader, and their weakness in that respect may mean the success of the Tory government. Meantime Mr. Chamberlain will proceed with his task of converting the English electors to his trade propaganda, regardless of the fact that his resignation may mean the wreck of the government of which he has been the most conspicuous member. Mr. Chamberlain deserted Gladstone at a perilous time on the Home Rule question, and was promptly taken up by the Conservatives, and now he has withdrawn from the Tory party, not however to return to his former friends but to pursue an independent course, which may be fraught with the most important results to the whole empire.

A few weeks ago the Sun announced with evident pleasure that Mr. Blair would fight the government's railway policy to the last ditch: now the same Tory organ is scolding the ex-minister of railways for not carrying out the programme it had mapped out for him. Mr. Blair has not given the measure of comfort to the Tories that they anticipated, and they are commencing to abuse him.

Dr. Sproule, one of the Tory leaders in the House of Commons, has an occasional lucid interval. One of them came to him last night when in recalling the fact that Sir Wilfred Laurier, Mr. Haggart, Mr. Costigan and himself were the only men who have sat continuously in the House since 1878, he congratulated the premier upon his long and laudable public career.

The Dominion Manufacturers' Association in session at Toronto calls for a higher tariff and oppose reciprocity, but they are not so powerful in the political arena as in Sir John Macdonald's time. A great many people think the manufacturers are pretty well protected, and the electors of Canada will resist these fresh demands.

Sir Sanford Fleming, the eminent civil engineer, practically approves of the government's transcontinental scheme, and condemns Mr. Borden's crazy quilt alternative proposal. Sir Sanford also thinks that not a day should be lost in proceeding with the enterprise.

Mr. Chamberlain gave more attention to the colonies than all of his predecessors in office combined. Had he been colonial secretary in the time of George III. the thirteen American states would not have rebelled.

The British Columbia Liberals in convention have endorsed the government's Grand Trunk Pacific railway policy.

It will be difficult to fill Chamberlain's place in the Imperial government.

This is a great year for ministerial resignations.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Movements of People in Whom Our Readers are Interested.

Mr P Quinlan, of St John, is among the guests at the Queen.

Mr C H Barbour, of St John, is among the guests at the Queen.

Mr A G Golding of St. John, was a guest at the Queen yesterday.

Mr. Fred Russell, of Montreal, was a guest at the Queen yesterday.

Mrs H P Hayward and child, of St John, are guests at the Queen.

Mr John H Haley, of Windsor, N. S., is among the guests at the Queen.

Mr W M McIsaac of Port Hawkesbury, C B, is among the guests at Windsor Hall.

Mr J Fraser Gregory, of St John, was among the guests registered at the Queen yesterday.

Hon A T Dunn, surveyor general, is in the city on departmental business and is stopping at the Queen.

Adj. Ward, nurse of the Rescued Home St John, is visiting Ensign Bowring at the Salvation Army Barracks.

Miss Mary E Bacon, of Moncton, is spending a few days in the city, the guest of Mrs Jamieson, King street.

Hon L P Farris, commissioner of agriculture, was in the city yesterday and returned home by boat this morning.

Capt the Hon Thomas and Mrs Ashburnham drove to Woodstock this week. They will return on Saturday.

Capt Lister expects to leave about Oct. 10 for Aldershot, England, to take a special course in signalling, and on his return will make his headquarters at Ottawa.

Dr Brydone Jack a former Frederictonian now a prominent physician at Vancouver, has been nominated by the Liberals of the latter city for a seat in the legislature.

Rev W H Sedgewick, of Shubenacadie, N S, who received a call to Parreboro recently and refused, has now resigned his pastorate of Shubenacadie congregation and it is understood will take an extended course at Edinburgh. Mr. Sedgewick is well known in Fredericton Presbyterian circles, having served as catechist at New Maryland some years ago.

Gibson News.

(By Our Own Reporter.)

Sept. 18.—One of Gibson's most charming and popular young ladies is to be led to the altar next week by a well known young man from the "city by the sea." The Herald extends congratulations.

Mr. Robert Rushbrook, one of our most enterprising and public spirited citizens, has lately invented a potato digger which he designed and made himself and it is a very likely looking machine and will fill a long felt want in the agricultural world, as it is up to date in every particular. Besides being of a mechanical turn of mind Mr. Rushbrook is a painter of more than ordinary ability. Your correspondent, hearing of his wonderful work as a skilled decorator, called at the gentleman's residence a few days ago and was shown some of the excellent painting. One room has the walls and ceiling beautifully decorated with handsome flowers intermingled with fancy scrolls, while at the end of the room there is an open fire place representing a hard coal fire which is very natural and one can almost see the smoke of flame, soaring skyward. Mr. Rushbrook also has some portraits painted which are capital. The latest addition to his already valuable collection is a large picture in oils of Mr. Alex. Gibson, Sr., which was taken from a photograph and is certainly a master piece of workmanship. Mr. Rushbrook's residence is worthy of a visit from all who admire fine artistic and skilful portrait painting.

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