

SIR FREDERICK BORDEN.

Some False Rumors Corrected by Minister of Militia.

NOT NECESSARY IMMEDIATELY TO NAME A CANADIAN GENERAL.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—The Canadian Club luncheon today was very largely attended by the leading business men of the city. Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia, was the guest of the day, and Lieut.-Col. Sherwood presided. Sir Frederick was well received when he rose to address the club, the subject of his speech being the result of the recent conference of the Defence Commission in London, of which he was appointed a member.

He introduced his remarks by saying that he was glad to have the opportunity of making a statement to set right several inaccurate rumors which had been circulated concerning what had taken place between the Canadian and Imperial Governments in connection with the question of defence.

He first pointed out that the Imperial Defence Commission as now constituted was greatly improved on past conditions. Now all matters will be threshed out around the table by the best qualified and most representative men in the Cabinet.

The additional appointment of the minister of militia for Canada was another step in advance. This he would point to as a reply to those who looked with suspicion as the throwing open of the command of the Canadian militia on the ground that it would sever a tie which existed between the colony and the Mother Country. The appointment of a member of the Canadian Cabinet to a seat on such an important commission would be considered a far more important tie than the command of the militia. In future when affairs of defence relating to Canada was up for discussion, there would be a representative of the Canadian Government there, to give the fullest information and the fact that he would be there would give Canada the fullest opportunity to have its views placed before the commission intelligently.

Another advantage, and a great one, was that it would facilitate judgment on matters which would otherwise take years, and in some cases would never be accomplished.

Sir Frederick claimed that the spirit of the new militia bill had been misrepresented with respect to the removal of the officer commanding the militia. It had been assumed that a Canadian would be appointed immediately, but such was not the case. The command was now open to any qualified officer in the British Empire, and it was possible that it might be desirable for Canada to have an Imperial officer commanding the militia for some time to come. The bill simply provided for the removal of an unjust reflection implied by a Dominion statute on a Canadian officer. "We can grow prime ministers in this country and finance minister, and had made an attempt at a minister of defence, and, I think," said Sir Frederick, "that it is positive we could produce a man to command the militia."

It had been said that political influence would assert itself in the choice of a man to command the militia, but Sir Frederick said that this was a self-governing colony and we had proved ourselves entitled to the right to govern ourselves, and why should it be said that we were unable to do this in matters of defence as well as in all other matters.

Sir Frederick said that the government had been very much misrepresented in connection with the proposal to send a Canadian regiment to India. This proposition had never been officially considered by the defence commission or by the Canadian government. The suggestion was only made by Mr. Arnold Foster with a view to giving Canadians additional opportunities for acquiring knowledge.

Sir Frederick said that it was gratifying to see that there was not a dissenting voice throughout Canada to the policy

laid down at the colonial conference that Canada's best aid to the defence of the Empire was to provide for her own defence and thus lessen the responsibilities of the Mother Country.

He referred to Mr. Sifton's speech in connection with the statement that every school boy should be trained to use a rifle, and said that he, as Minister of Militia, proposed to ask the provincial governments throughout Canada to aid in this respect. He had propounded the idea of the skeleton force in a speech in the House, when Major General O'Grady-Haly was commanding the militia, and he believed that the people approved of it.

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THE WORLD OF SPORT.

Readjustment of the Fighting Weights—Short Notes of the Boxing Game.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien's six fights during December netted him \$3500.

It has been definitely settled that Kid Carter and Joe Choynski will meet in a fifteen round bout on Jan. 19, before the Crittenton A. C. of Boston.

Jack Munroe will tackle Jack Rooney the giant wrestler in Chicago next Friday night. Rooney is to throw Munroe four times within an hour or lose the decision.

Some Philadelphians think the bout between Jack O'Brien and Philadelphia Tommy Ryan will fall through after all. They have been offered a \$5000 purse, which means \$2,500 for each man, a little more than \$138 a minute, if the fight goes the limit of six rounds.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien regards his mother as his mascot. She has in a measure trained and taken care of him for all his principal fights. She will do his cooking in his training for his coming fight with Tommy Ryan, which Philadelphia Jack considers the most important of his career.

Mike Schreck, the Chicago middle-weight, is in Philadelphia looking for a return bout with Philadelphia Jack O'Brien. Schreck declares he received the worst of the decision after his bout with O'Brien in Chicago. [Schreck is willing to meet any one at anything like his weight and intimates that he can make things pleasant for Joe Choynski.]

A St. Louis writer has figured out that Corbett landed seventy-six blows on Hanlon in their recent fight and that Hanlon landed forty-nine on Corbett. The "dops" on the number of blows struck during the fight shows how well the champion guarded his stomach, the weak spot on his anatomy. Hanlon was constantly playing for Corbett's stomach, but only four of his punches landed there.

To settle many disputes, Referee Eddie Graney has decided that those who bet that Young Corbett would knock out Eddie Hanlon in their recent fight win their bets. Graney holds that while Hanlon was not unconscious, another blow might have inflicted serious injury, as the San Francisco boy was helpless when Graney stopped the fight. The referee holds that Hanlon was practically knocked out.

Jack Blackburn who was hailed the pugilistic champion of Philadelphia, owing to his ability to give Champion Joe Gans a hard battle in the Quaker City several weeks ago, received quite a setback to his championship aspirations last Friday night by being clearly beaten and outpointed by the veteran Sam Bolen in the fifteen round contest before the Eureka Athletic Club of Baltimore. The referee called the bout a draw, but his decision was hissed by the spectators, as the New Yorker had the advantage of the contest from start to finish, with the exception of the second round, when a right hand swing to the jaw floored Bolen. It was a case of youth and strategy against experience, skill, knowledge of the game and use of gray matter, and the latter

won out. The Philadelphia boy seemed completely puzzled by the actions of his veteran adversary, and at the close of the bout he was much the worse for wear.

Pat Daly of England and Jack Clancy of San Francisco, will meet in a 20-round bout before some London club the latter part of this month for the 148-pound championship of England. Daly is really an American. He was born in New York and was one time lightweight champion of England.

Jim Jeffries is said to have picked Sharkey to whip Munroe but Jeffries is not the only one who thus sizes up the chances. Most of those who saw Munroe and Limerick box in Boston are willing to back the sailor to whip the miner. Jeffries says that Munroe will be easy for Sharkey.

Charlie Mitchell is contemplating a visit to this country, and will probably come as a manager instead of a fighter. He promises to bring some likely boys across with him, including Owen Morgan, a fast bantam-weight from Wales. If Jim Bowker wins from George Dixon, Mitchell will also bring the former along. Mitchell thinks Morgan is a better boy than Billy Palmer or Pedlar Palmer.

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FREE TRADERS DIVIDED.

Mr. Chamberlain's Party Have the Advantage of a Single Aim.

New York, Jan. 12.—The Tribune's London correspondent cables: The persistent rumors that the Duke of Devonshire and Lord Rosebery have adjusted their differences and agreed to work together are a natural consequence of the bitter attacks made by the Chamberlain press upon the free traders of the Unionist side. When the bans for this singular political marriage are called the Non-conformists may find just cause and impediment to the Duke of Devonshire's identification with the education acts which they insist must be repealed.

The rancour with which free traders like Winston Churchill, Lord Hugh Cecil, Lord George Hamilton and Mr. Ritchie are attacked in their home constituencies has not been equalled since Mr. Gladstone and his home rule followers were denounced fourteen years ago as apostates and enemies of the empire. Mr. Balfour's denial a few months ago that individual opinion on economic subjects could be made a test of party loyalty, now has a hollow sound when the free traders are the victims of a secret intrigue and are openly blacklisted. Winston Churchill and Lord George Hamilton have been turned down by local Conservative organizations.

Mr. Chamberlain's followers know what they want and are fighting for the single issue. This is a great advantage, for the free traders are hopelessly divided on the education question, labor measures, the taxation of land values, temperance and a dozen other issues.

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MELTON PRIOR.

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HIS LONG RECORD AS A CAMPAIGNER.

Chats Freely About the Situation in the Far East.

(Montreal Star.)

Seated quietly in the rotunda of the Windsor today reading a paper was a small, well built Englishman. That was Mr. Melton Prior, the doyen of war correspondents and famous for many years as the special artist of the Illustrated London News.

To a Star representative Mr. Prior chatted away about the condition of affairs in the east, the probability of war, the exodus of his fellow craftsmen from London to the front, and the enthusiasm in England for the "plucky little Japs," you know. He is a remarkable conversationalist and his memory storehouse is filled with the experiences of the score of campaigns through which he has passed.

"You're going through to Japan, Mr. Prior?"

"On, yes. We are all heading in that direction just now, you know. Bennett Barleigh is already on the spot and the others are now on the way."

"And do you look for an early outbreak of hostilities?"

The blue eyes of the war correspondent twinkled, and he almost gave vent to a chuckle. "What do you think about it?" he asked.

"I am not Mr. Melton Prior," ventured the Star representative.

"Well," said Mr. Prior, "I for one do not look for a clash just yet. Old England is holding Japan back. You know," he continued confidentially, "in the event of war England is certain to be dragged into it, somehow. She can't help it, you know, and she is not very anxious for that sort of thing just now."

"When, where and how are you going?"

"Thursday, Vancouver, C. P. R.," was the terse reply.

"And you expect to get there in time to see the opening battle?"

"Oh, I can't say that you know. The scene in the war drama changes each day with such startling rapidity that it is so very hard to form any certain opinion as to what is going to happen. Really I hope to get there with lots of time to spare," and with a wave of the hand Mr. Melton Prior passed out of the swinging doors to keep an appointment with Sir Thomas Shagnnessy.

Of his famous career as a war correspondent Mr. Prior rarely talks. His record in the field includes the Ashanti war, of 1873; the Carlist rising, 1874; the Herzegovinian, Serbian, Turkish, Kaffir, Basuto, Zulu and the (first) Boer wars. He did remarkable work in the Egyptian campaign of 1882, and his other campaigns include the Sudan and Nile expedition; the Burmese war, the disturbance in South Africa, in 1895, at the time of the Jameson expedition, the Greco-Turkish war and the Tichin rising, 1897.

In addition to his work in the battlefield, Mr. Melton Prior has attended every state ceremony that has occurred during his brief stay in England. He went to Athens with the Prince of Wales suite in 1865, and accompanied the Marquis and Marchioness of Lorne on their first visit to Canada.

During the recent Boer war he did some remarkable work, and had some thrilling experiences. He was with Baden Powell in the siege of Ladysmith, and with G. W. Stevens when the latter died.

In the autumn of 1901 Mr. Melton Prior was in Canada and was one of the party of journalists who accompanied

the present Prince and Princess of Wales on the Royal tour.

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THE CHICAGO HORROR.

A Witness who Blames the City Council for the Disaster.

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Building Commissioner George Williams was the chief witness today in the inquest over the victims of the Iroquois theatre fire. He testified that during the construction of the building, he had visited it but once, that time being about two weeks prior to the opening of the theatre on November 23. He had never looked at the plans of the building except on one occasion when according to his own statement, he saw them for perhaps ten or fifteen minutes. He said he personally knew nothing of the construction of the building.

On the occasion when he visited the theatre he considered the building to be the most fireproof theatre of its kind he ever had seen. He admitted that he allowed the builders to place pine joists in certain places beneath the stage instead of steel supports as called for by the building ordinances. This was done in order to facilitate the working of trap doors which were a necessity in the production of "Mr. Bluebeard."

When asked by the coroner who assumed the responsibility, he admitted that he, as head of the department, would be compelled to assume it.

Neither he or any member of his department so far as he knew, had any knowledge as to whether automatic sprinklers had been placed in the theatre or not.

Commissioner Williams being hard pressed by the coroner as to why the building inspectors had not performed their duties in a more thorough manner, replied that his office force was far too small to do the work imposed upon it. He had made repeated requests for additional help, but was informed that the city could not afford to pay them.

Mr. Williams declared that last October he reported to Mayor Harrison that not one of the theatres in Chicago was completely within the ordinances. The mayor turned over his report to the council which turned it over to a committee and nothing was ever done.

In response to an inquiry as to whether he did not know that the Iroquois theatre to meet the requirement of the ordinance in this respect, he said he knew it now, but had not known it before the fire.

Deputy Building Inspector Stanhope followed Commissioner Williams on the stand but his evidence did not differ greatly from that of the commissioners.

HURRIED AND WORRIED ALL DAY.

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